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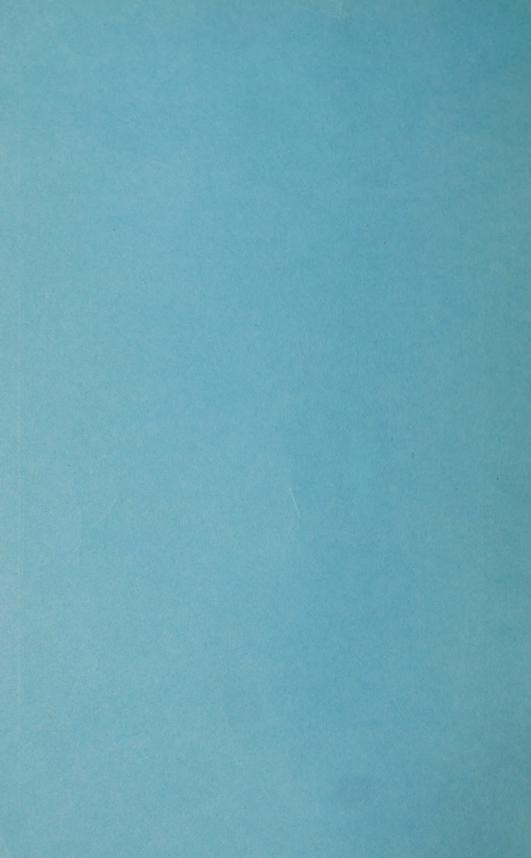


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#### NOTES

#### **Vessel Clearances**

Throughout this pamphlet the dimensions, depth of water on the sills of locks and the depths, draughts and minimum overhead clearances in the various reaches are given for normal conditions. During high water the overhead clearances are decreased and during low water the draughts available are decreased. Changes in draughts available are made public by Notices to Mariners issued from time to time by the Marine Services of the Department.

The locks on some canals are narrower at the bottom than at the water surface. Some locks have a breast wall in front of the upper gates which limits the length of vessel which they can accommodate. The lock diagrams at the end of this pamphlet illustrate in more detail what those limitations are for each canal.

Cases where doubt exists with respect to draught, length, beam, clearance, etc., should be referred to the Superintending Engineer of the canal concerned or to the Director of Canals Service, Department of Transport, Ottawa.

## Regulations

When navigating any of the Canals of Canada masters and pilots should be in possession of a copy of the Canal Rules and Regulations, copies of which may be obtained at any Canal office or from the Director of Canals Service, Department of Transport, Ottawa.

# THE CANALS OF CANADA

The network of waterways with which Canada is interlaced has always been one of her greatest transportation assets, but to realize upon that asset and weld the network into a connected system the lakes and rivers must be

supplemented by canals to surmount rapids and waterfalls.

Canada's canals are almost entirely concentrated in the St. Lawrence River basin. The most important of these are those on what is called the Main Route, along the St. Lawrence River and through the Great Lakes. The building of the canals on this route provided a navigation channel from the Atlantic Ocean to the western end of Lake Superior which was probably the principal factor in the creation of the great industrial areas along this channel on both sides of the International Boundary.

Three other routes lie in the St. Lawrence basin, while another with one lock only lies on the Atlantic coast. All five routes are under the administration of the Canals Service of the Department of Transport, and may be briefly

summarized as follows:-

I—Main Route. Ocean traffic plies the St. Lawrence to Montreal, from whence, by canal, lake and river this route extends 1,215 miles farther inland to Port Arthur and Fort William at the head of Lake Superior and comprises the following sections:—

	No.		Mi	les of
	30	Normal draught	Canal	Lake or River
Strait of Belle Isle and River St. Lawrence  1. Lachine Canal—Montreal to Lachine Lake St. Louis and River St. Lawrence  2. Soulanges Canal—Cascades to Coteau. Lake St. Francis and River St. Lawrence  3. Cornwall Canal—Cornwall to Dickinson Landing River St. Lawrence  4. Farran Point Canal River St. Lawrence  5. Rapide Plat Canal River St. Lawrence  6. Galops Canal—Iroquois to Cardinal River St. Lawrence and Lake Ontario  7. Welland Ship Canal—Port Weller to Port Colborne Lake Erie, Detroit River, Lake St. Clair, River St. Clair, Lake Huron and St. Mary River  8. Sault Ste. Marie Canal Lake Superior to Port Arthur or Fort William Totals  Total distance=2,218 Statute miles.	5 6 1 2 3 8	23' 0" 20' 6" 18' 3"	8.74 14.67 11.00 1.28 3.89 7.36 27.60 1.38	1,003·0 16·0 31·0 4·7 9·5 4·0 229·0 270·0 2,142·2

For intermediate distances on the above route reference may be had to the tabular statement on page 48. The following comparative distances are of interest in grasping the full significance of this navigation route in international and world trade:—

	1,215 statute miles
	1,337 statute miles
	1,244 statute miles
	2,760 nautical miles
	2,966 nautical miles
New York City to Liverpool	3,074 nautical miles

II-Atlantic Ocean to Bras d'Or Lakes, Cape Breton Island

St. Peters Canal—0.50 Statute miles with one tidal lock—depth 18 feet on the sills at lowest tide.

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# III-Montreal to Lake Champlain and New York City

	No.		Mi	les of
	of Locks	Normal Draught	Canal	Lake or River
St. Lawrence River, Montreal to Sorel. Richelieu River, Sorel to St. Ours.  1. St. Ours Canal. Richelieu River, St. Ours to Chambly Basin.  2. Chambly Canal—Chambly to St. Johns. Richelieu River, St. Johns to International Boundary. Lake Champlain, International Boundary to Whitehall  3. Champlain Canal—Whitehall to Waterford.  4. Erie Canal—Waterford to Troy.	1 9	12′ 0″ 12′ 0″ 7′ 0″ 6′ 6″ 5′ 0″ 12′ 0″ 12′ 0″	0·12 11·78  62·86 2·45	46 14 32 22 112
Hudson River, Troy to New York Harbour  Totals  Total distance = 455 Statute miles (126 miles in Canada).	23		77.21	378

# IV-Montreal to Kingston by way of Ottawa

	No.		Mi	les of
	of Locks	Normal Draught	Cut Canal	Lake or River
1. Lachine Canal—Montreal to Lachine		14′ 0″	8.74	13.5
Lake of Two Mountains and Ottawa River. 3. Carillon Canal. Ottawa River. 4. Grenville Canal.	2	9' 0"	0.94	27·0 6·2
Ottawa River to Ottawa.  5. Rideau Canal (124 miles), Ottawa to Kingston.  5. Branches— South Rideau Branch to Kemptville.	47	5′ 6″	17.72	56·0 105·8 2·9
Tay Branch to Perth. Big Rideau Lake to Portland. Upper Rideau Lake to Westport. Whitefish Lake to Morton.	2 0 0	5′ 6″	3.50	3·3 6·5 5·2 1·6
Cranberry Lake to Seelys Bay Totals	62		36.96	228.7
Total distance, Montreal to Kingston=242 Statute miles.				

	No. of	Normal	Mi	les of
	Locks	Draught	Cut Canal	Lake or River
1. Trent Canal, in the following sections— Trenton on Bay of Quinte to lower entrance to Lock 19, Peterborough. Lock 19, Peterborough, to Swift Rapids Swift Rapids and Big Chute Marine Railways. Big Chute to Georgian Bay at Port Severn.	18 24	8' 0" 6' 0" 4' 0" 6' 0"	8·75 24·50 0·00 0·00	80·0 111·2 8·0 8·1
Branches— Buckhorn Lake to Bridgenorth. Sturgeon Lake to Lindsay Lindsay to Port Perry.	0 1 0	6′ 0″ 4′ 0″	0·00 0·10 0·00	9·0 9·9 25·0
Trent Canal Totals	46		33.35	251.2
Bay of Quinte from Trenton to Murray Canal entrance  2. Murray Canal—Bay of Quinte to Presqu'ile Bay	0	9' 6"	7.53	3.0
Totals	46		40.88	254.2
Total distance, Presqu'ile Bay to Port Severn=294 miles.				

<sup>\*</sup> Two Marine Railways.

After allowing for duplications these routes cover a total distance of 3,176 statute miles, of which 2,847 miles are in Canada. Of the total mileage in Canada. 157·42 miles are through artificial channels and the remainder through river or lake, most of which is very little changed from its natural condition. However, a number of channels through lakes have required dredging to provide the present depth of waterway and also considerable portions of river channels have been made navigable or have had their depths increased by the raising of their levels by dams.

The operation and maintenance of all the above canals within Canada are under the jurisdiction of the Director of Canals Service, Department of Transport, Ottawa. The improvement of the reaches between and beyond them is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works of Canada, except that the control of the St. Lawrence River below Montreal to the seaboard and the improvement thereof are under the St. Lawrence Ship Channel Branch of the Department of Transport.

The Department of Public Works maintains and operates a dam and lock on the Red River at St. Andrews, near Selkirk, Manitoba, by means of which vessels from Lake Winnipeg are enabled to proceed up the Red River as far as Fargo, North Dakota.

The same department also maintains and operates a lock at Poupore, Quebec, which connects two stretches of navigation on the Lievre River, mainly

for lumbering purposes.

The Ontario Department of Public Works, which built and for a number of years operated parts of the Trent Canal, also built and still operates three locks not included in the Trent system. Two of these are for tourist purposes, one at Port Carling in the Muskoka Lakes and the other near Huntsville. The third lock is on the Maganatawan River at Magnetawan and is for the assistance of lumbering operations in the district.

All aids to navigation, such as buoys, lights, wharves, etc., in the canals under the control of the Department of Transport are provided and maintained by the Canals Service, while on all other navigable Canadian river and lake channels they are under the control of the Marine Service of the Department of Transport except in cases where they are provided by local or private interests.

The canals on the St. Lawrence River limit the size of vessel which can use the through route. Lock 17 at Cornwall is the-limiting lock. Its bottom width is 43 feet 8 inches; width at coping, 45 feet 3 inches; and it will accommodate vessels up to 255 feet in length only.

The Lachine, Cornwall, Welland and Sault Ste. Marie Canals are lighted and operated by electricity. The Williamsburg Canals and certain sections of the other routes are lighted by electricity but, except Lock 23, Rapide Plat Canal, these are not electrically operated.

All canals are closed to navigation by ice in the winter months but ice-breaking steamers are now employed to lengthen the season of navigation at Lake Superior and Georgian Bay terminals, on the St. Lawrence River below Montreal and on Lake St. Louis at the lower entrance to the Soulanges Canal. Only on the Main Route canals, however, are such measures taken to lengthen the season. On the other canals the official opening is deferred until the ice has practically disappeared, while on the Trent and Rideau Canals it is further delayed for reasons of economy, although arrangements may be made for the passage of vessels in special circumstances before or after the regular navigation season.

For a description of the river channels and directions for navigation between canals from Montreal up the Ottawa River to Ottawa and on the St. Lawrence River between Montreal and Kingston, reference should be made to the "St. Lawrence River Pilot (Canadian Edition) Montreal Harbour to Kingston Harbour." For a similar description of the Canadian shore of the Lower Great Lakes, refer to "Great Lakes Pilot (Vol. I) (Kingston Harbour to Sarnia)." Volume II of the Great Lakes Pilot covers the Canadian shore on the remainder of the Great Lakes. The text of each of these publications, insofar as it is based on earlier editions of "The Canals of Canada" and on other information concerning canals which has recently become superseded, is subject to the later revisions occurring in this publication.

These (Pilot) publications are obtainable from the "Surveyor General & Chief, Hydrographic Service, Department of Mines and Resources, Confederation Building, Ottawa, Canada", upon payment of 50 cents for each volume of the "St. Lawrence River Pilot" and \$1.00 for each volume of the "Great Lakes Pilot."

Following is a short description of the navigation routes on which the canals under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transport are situated, together with a short historical summary and further details with respect to distances and structures on each canal.

## RIVER ST. LAWRENCE AND GREAT LAKES MAIN ROUTE

Except when the iceberg season drives them farther south, the shipping fleets of Europe come into the St. Lawrence through the Strait of Belle Isle. Standing off the rugged north coast of the Gulf they sail for 843 statute miles before they reach Quebec, and for 160 miles additional to Montreal. Tidewater is left behind near Three Rivers, halfway between Quebec and Montreal.

In order to avoid the Lachine Rapids, the first bar to through navigation, upbound vessels of canal size enter the Lachine Canal near the upper end of Montreal Harbour. This canal is walled throughout and provided with wharves and basins for the intensive industrial traffic which it nourishes, particularly on

its lower reaches.

Leaving the canal at Lachine, vessels traverse the length of Lake St. Louis, an expansion of the St. Lawrence River, to the entrance of the Soulanges Canal, where one branch of the Ottawa River meets the St. Lawrence. The Soulanges Canal passes through a level and entirely agricultural section to surmount the Cascades, Cedars and Coteau Rapids. At Coteau Landing the canal opens into Lake St. Francis, another expansion of the St. Lawrence, at the upper end of which the foot of the Cornwall Canal is reached at the City of Cornwall.

The Cornwall Canal also passes through agricultural lands close to the river

bank. In its upper reaches it skirts the Long Sault Rapids.

Above the head of the Cornwall Canal the river is navigable to Lake Ontario except where the three Williamsburg Canals overcome short rapids. The lower rapid at Farran Point is navigable for downbound traffic. The canal is used for upbound traffic and is large enough to pass a tug and several scows at one lockage. The Rapide Plat Canal is used for upbound and part of the downbound traffic. The rapid at this point may be run safely by most vessels except during low water periods.

The third in this group is the Galop Canal used by all upbound and some downbound traffic to pass the Iroquois, Cardinal and Galop Rapids. The Iroquois and Cardinal Rapids are run safely by most downbound vessels, but the Galop is more difficult. Accordingly, near the foot of the latter there is an additional river lock through which downbound vessels may pass out into the

river if desired.

Above the Galop Canal vessels proceed for 70 miles through the picturesque Thousand Islands of the Upper St. Lawrence into Lake Ontario. At the western end of Lake Ontario, 159 miles farther west, the Welland Ship Canal cut across the Niagara peninsula to surmount the barrier to navigation presented by Niagara Falls and Rapids. The Welland Ship Canal leaves Lake Ontario at Port Weller, crosses the rich garden land skirting the lake, climbs the steep Niagara escarpment, passes through the rapidly growing industrial regions around Thorold, Welland and Port Colborne and enters Lake Erie at the latter point.

From this port there is an uninterrupted waterway through Lake Erie, Detroit River. Lake St. Clair, River St. Clair, Lake Huron and the St. Mary River to Sault Ste. Marie. Branching off this route from Lake Huron there is an open lake route to the foot of Lake Michigan, wholly through United States

territory.

The St. Mary Rapids on the St. Mary River between Lakes Huron and Superior are overcome by the Sault Ste. Marie Canal at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, and by four parallel locks forming the St. Marys Falls Canal at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on the opposite shore of the river.

From the head of these canals any port on Lake Superior may be reached. The twin ports of Port Arthur and Fort William form the Canadian terminus of

the route but Duluth, Minnesota, is the farthest port from the ocean.

Following are more complete details with historical data concerning the several canals which make up this Main Route.

#### LACHINE CANAL

1700-1717-Under Dollier de Casson, Superior of the Sulpicians, a canal was commenced using Little River St. Pierre, Lake St. Pierre (since drained) and a one mile cutting without locks, to furnish 18 inches of water at the lowest level of the St. Lawrence. Three-quarters of the work was completed, leaving only 3 or 4 feet depth to be excavated on a length of about 800 yards.

1821-1824-First full-length canal between Montreal and Lachine-5 feet

draught of water.

1843-1848-First enlargement-16 feet draught at two lower locks and 9 feet throughout remainder of canal.

1873-1884 Second enlargement (present canal) - Provides dimensions and

depths as follows:—		
Length of canal	8.74	statute miles
Number of locks	5	
Dimensions of locks	270	feet by 45 feet
Total rise of lockage	$46 \cdot 24$	feet
Depth of water on sills:—	>	
East Lock 1		
(Normal	17	feet 6 inches
Extreme low water	13	feet 1 inch
East Lock 2	18	feet
North Locks 3 and 4	14	feet
South Lock 5 (normally)	14	feet

Minimum width of canal at water surface..... 150 feet Minimum width of canal at bottom..... 140 feet

Minimum overhead clearance..... 94.8 feet (Lift Bridge)

The canal extends from the Port of Montreal to Lake St. Louis at the City of Lachine, overcoming the Lachine Rapids, the first obstruction to halt vessels

ascending the St. Lawrence River.

Between Locks 1 and 2 the canal is divided into two channels, each of which is provided with a wide basin, along the walls of which vessels may tie up out of the navigation lane for loading and unloading. The reach between Locks 2 and 3 is also well supplied with wharfage basins out of the main channel in order to concentrate wharf facilities close to the business section of the city. Above Lock 3, however, business is not so intensive and vessels are allowed to moor along the canal walls at various places.

Although there is only a single channel above Lock 2 the two distinct systems of locks continue and except at Lock 5 are available for navigation.

In the lower part of the canal 17-foot navigation is available as follows:— In East Lock 1 and East Basin 1,—when the gauge at the downstream end of Lock 1 reads 17.25 or higher. At lower readings the available draught is reduced correspondingly.

Through East Lock 2 and along the east and south wall of Basin 2 to 500 feet below Lock 2, including Wellington Basin; also along the

west wall of Basin 2 from Lock 2 to Colborne Street.

Old Locks 1 and 2, situated on the west side of the canal are 270 feet by 45 feet and two feet shallower than the new locks on the east side. Old Locks 3 and 4, situated on the south side of the canal, although 45 feet in width are only 200 feet long and have only 9 feet of water on their sills.

The canal has its own electric power plant at Lock 4, from which the whole canal property is lighted and all the locks and bridges and all machinery in the

canal shops electrically operated.

From the head of Lachine Canal to the foot of the Soulanges Canal the distance is 16 miles and to the foot of the Ste. Anne Canal 131 miles, with a normal controlling navigation depth in the latter case of 9 feet.

## Lachine Canal-Mileage and General Data

			Locks		
Mileage	Structure, Locality, etc.	Length between hollow quoins	Minimum Width	Normal Draught	Lift
	Montreal Harbour—Standard low level, 18-9	9 above M.   ft. in.	S.L. ft. in.	ft. in.	ft.
0·00 0·04 0·04 0·10	Montreal Harbour—Mouth of Entrance Channel— East Lock 1. West Lock 1. Basin No. 1	270 0	45 0 45 0	17 0 15 0	12.96
$0.21 \\ 0.21 \\ 0.28 \\ 0.47$	East Lock 2. West Lock 2. Bridge 1—Prince Street—Black's Bridge—Swing Basin No. 2	270 0 270 0	45 0 45 0	17 0 15 0	13.50
0·61 0·65 0·67 0·76	Bridge—Can. Nat. Rys.—Lift Bridge—Can. Nat. Rys.—Swing Tunnel—Wellington Street Tunnel for water pipes—M.W.W.				
1.16 $1.16$ $1.23$ $1.70$ $1.85$	North Lock 3—"Št. Gabriel" South Lock 3  Bridge 3—Seigneurs Street—Swing Bridge 4—Charlevois Street—Swing Bridge 5—Atwater Avenue—Swing	270 0 200 0	45 0 45 0	14 0 9 0	9.02
$2 \cdot 07$ $2 \cdot 45$ $2 \cdot 99$ $2 \cdot 99$ $3 \cdot 27$	Bridge—Can. Nat. Rys.—Swing Siphon culvert—St. Pierre River North Lock 4—"Côte St. Paul" South Lock 4 Bridge 6—Côte St. Paul Road—Swing	270 0 200 0	45 0 45 0	14 0 9 0	9.26
3·45 6·27 6·85 7·50 7·56	Siphon culvert Bridge 7—Rockfield—Highway bascule Bridge—Can. Pacific Ry.—Rockfield—Swing Lock 5—Lachine	270 0	45 0	14 0	1 · 50
8.74	Lake St. Louis—Mouth of entrance channel  Total lift				46.24

The draught at Lock 1 varies with the level of Montreal Harbour and at Lock 5 with the level of Lake St. Louis, During navigation seasons the depth of water on the sills of these locks has been as low as 13.08 feet at Lock 1 (Nov. 17, 1934) and 12.25 feet at Lock 5 (Nov. 11, 1934). The highest water level recorded at Lock 1 has been 45.25 feet (April 18, 1886) and at Lock 5, 22.20 feet (May 13, 1943).

#### SOULANGES AND BEAUHARNOIS CANALS

1779-1783—Four short canals built by the Royal Engineers at Trou du Moulin, Split Rock and Coteau du Lac. Locks 120 feet long and 6 feet wide with 2½ feet of water on the sills, to accommodate bateaux carrying 30 barrels of flour.

1800-1805—The two lower canals were superseded by the Cascades Canal across the point between the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Rivers. This had 3 locks 120 feet by 9 feet with 6 feet of water on the sills.

1842-1845—The Beauharnois Canal built along the south shore with 9 locks 200 feet by 45 feet and a draught of 9 feet. It superseded the three canals on the north bank.

1849-1856—The two easterly channels of the river were dammed to increase the depth of water at the Beauharnois Canal entrance, and the Hungry Bay Dyke was built along the low-lying southern shore of Lake St. Francis.

1892-1899—Soulanges Canal constructed to present dimensions on the north shore, inland from the four original canals and superseding the Beauharnois Canal.

1902- —St. Barbe Dyke built along a low section of the south shore of Lake St. Francis.

#### SOULANGES CANAL

Length of canal	14·67 5	statute miles
Guard gates	1	
Dimensions of locks		feet by 46 feet
Total rise of lockage	83.50	feet
Normal draught	14	feet
Breadth of canal at bottom	96	feet
Breadth of canal at water surface		feet
Minimum overhead clearance	. 135	feet (Transmission
		Lines)

The Soulanges Canal extends from Cascades Point to Coteau Landing, overcoming the Cascades, Cedar and Coteau Rapids.

The canal power house about midway between Locks 4 and 5 supplies all electricity for the lighting of the canal and for the operation of its bridges, locks and shops.

From the head of the Soulanges Canal to the foot of the Cornwall Canal the distance through Lake St. Francis is 31 miles, navigable for vessels drawing 14 feet.

## Soulanges Canal-Mileage and General Data

Mileage	Structure, Locality, etc.	Length between hollow quoins	Minimum Width	Normal Draught on sills	Lift	
		ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft.	
0.00 $0.25$ $0.52$ $0.89$ $0.95$ $1.92$	Lake St. Louis—Mouth of Entrance Channel Lock 1—Cascades Point. Lock 2—Cascades Point. Lock 3—Cascades Point Bridge 1—Quinze Chiens Road—Swing Culvert—Bissonette Gully	280 0	46 0 46 0 46 0	15 0 15 0 15 0	23·50 23·50 23·50	
2.86 3.38 3.57 3.97 5.60 5.70 8.00 8.93 9.04 9.94 11.25 11.51	Bridge 2—St. Antoine Road—Swing Lock 4	280 0	46 0	15 0	12.00	
11.96 14.01 14.03 14.10 14.67	Siphon Culvert—Rivière Delisle Bridge—Can. Nat. Rys.—Swing Guard Lock 5	280 0	46 0	15 0	1.00	
	Total lift				83 - 50	

The draught at Lock 1 varies with the level of Lake St. Louis and at Lock 5 with the level of Lake St. Francis. During mavigation seasons the depth of water on the sills of these locks has been as low as 14.00 feet at Lock 1 (Nov. 17, 1934) and 14.80 feet at Lock 5 (Nov. 10, 1934). The highest level recorded at Lock 1 has been 33.50 feet (Feb. 9, 1918) and at Lock 5, 19.00 feet (April 13, 1908).

#### BEAUHARNOIS CANAL

The Beauharnois Canal has not been used for navigation since 1902, but the dams at its head, together with other dams built more recently, control the levels of Lake St. Francis for navigation and other purposes.

#### CORNWALL CANAL

1834-1842—First canal built to provide 9 feet draught. 1876-1904—Canal enlarged to 14 feet draught.

Length of canal  Number of locks	11.00 statute miles	
Guard gates	ĭ	
Dimensions of locks	270 feet by 45 feet *	
- Total rise of lockage		
Normal draught	14 feet	
Breadth of canal at bottom	90 feet	
Breadth of canal at water surface		
Minimum overhead clearance	150 feet (Transmission	k
	line)	

<sup>\*</sup>Lock 17 is only 43 ft. 8 in. wide at the bottom and 45 ft. 3 in. wide at the coping. See lock diagram at end of this pamphlet.

The Cornwall Canal extends past the Long Sault Rapids from the City of Cornwall to Dickinson Landing.

The Cornwall Canal Repair Basin is situated between Old Locks 16 and 17, to the northward of the present Locks 15 and 17 at Cornwall. It covers an area of approximately two acres and will accommodate two large canal-size vessels with maximum draught of 12 feet in addition to numerous smaller vessels. Access and egress are through Old Lock 17.

The locks on this canal are electrically operated and the canal is lighted by electricity.

From the head of the Cornwall Canal to the foot of the Farran Point Canal the distance on the River St. Lawrence is  $4\frac{3}{4}$  miles.

# Cornwall Canal—Mileage and General Data

	,		Loc	KS	
Mileage	Structure, Locality, etc.	Length between hollow quoins	Minimum Width	Normal Draught	Lift
		ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft.
$0.00 \\ 0.01 \\ 0.25 \\ 0.32 \\ 0.43$	East entrance—Cornwall Lock 15—Cornwall By-pass Lock 17 Culvert	270 0 270 0	45 0 43 8	14 0 14 0	12·7 ·13·3
0·82 1·55 1·65 1·84 3·16	Bridge 1—Highway—Swing Culvert Lock 18. Bridge 2—N.Y.C. R.R. and highway—Swing Lock 19.	270 0 270 0	45 0 45 0	14 0. 14 0	8·0 6·0
$4.06 \\ 4.76$	Culvert	270 0	45 0	14 0	8.0
5·04 5·99 10·38 11·00	Guard gate Bridge 3—Highway—Swing Guard Lock 21. West entrance—Dickinson Landing	270 0	45 0	14 0	0.0
	Total lift				48.0

When the St. Lawrence is low, draughts available at locks opening on the river are curtailed. During navigation season the depth of water on Lock 15 mitre sill has been as low as 12.8 feet and on Lock 21 as low as 12.3 feet, both in November, 1934.

#### WILLIAMSBURG CANALS

The Farran Point, Rapide Plat and Galop Canals are collectively known as the Williamsburg Canals.

#### FARRAN POINT CANAL

1844–1847—First canal built to provide 9 feet draught. 1897–1901—Canal enlarged to 16 feet draught.

Length of canal.	,	 	$1 \cdot 28$	statute	mile
Number of locks.		 	1		
Dimensions of loc	ek	 		feet by	
Total rise of locks	age	 	4	feet $2\frac{1}{2}$	inches
Normal draught				feet	
Breadth of canal	at bottom	 	80	feet	
Breadth of canal				feet	
Minimum overhea	ad clearance	 	No re	estriction	ns

This canal enables vessels ascending the river to avoid Farran Point Rapids, passing a full tow at one lockage. Descending vessels run the rapids with ease and safety.

The canal is lighted by electricity.

From the head of Farran Point Canal to the foot of Rapide Plat Canal there is a navigable stretch of  $9\frac{1}{2}$  miles in the St. Lawrence River.

#### RAPIDE PLAT CANAL

1844–1847—First canal built to provide 9 feet draught. 1884–1904—Canal enlarged to 14 feet draught.

Length of canal	3.89	statute miles
Number of locks,—	- 2	
Dimensions of locks—		
Lock 23		feet by 45 feet
Guard Lock 24	270	feet by 45 feet
Total rise of lockage	11	feet $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches
Normal draught	16	feet
Breadth of canal at bottom	80	feet
Breadth of canal at water surface	. 154	feet
Minimum overhead clearance	No	restrictions

The canal was constructed to enable vessels ascending the river to pass the Rapide Plat. Descending vessels run the rapids safely, except at extreme low stage of water in the river, when downbound vessels of full canal draught must also use the canal.

The canal is lighted by electricity and Lock 23 is electrically operated.

From the head of the Rapide Plat Canal to Iroquois, at the foot of the Galop Canal, the River St. Lawrence is navigable for 4 miles.

#### GALOP CANAL

1844-1846—First canal in two sections, one at Cardinal and one at Iroquois, built to provide 9 feet draught.

1849–1851—Junction canal built along river bank to connect the two original sections and to increase available draught at Iroquois.

1888-1904—Canal enlarged to 14 feet draught.

Length of canal	7.36 statute miles
Number of locks	3
Dimensions of locks—	
Lift lock at foot of canal—No. 25	800 feet by 50 feet
Guard lock at head of canal—No. 27	270 feet by 45 feet
River lock to pass vessels around Galop	
Rapids only—No. 28	326 ft. 9 ins. by 45 feet
Total rise of lockage	15 feet $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches
Normal draught	14 feet
Breadth of canal at bottom	80 feet
Breadth of canal at surface of water	144 feet
Breadth between walls in Cardinal cut	88 feet
Minimum overhead clearance	No restrictions

This canal enables vessels to overcome the rapids at Pointe aux Iroquois, Point Cardinal and the Galop.

The canal is lighted by electricity.

Less than a mile above the Galop Canal's upper entrance a vessel passes between two short dykes close to the north shore, which direct its course into the 300-foot wide North Channel, cut through a point on the mainland and through Drummond and Spencer Islands. Southwesterly from the latter island the "North Channel Dyke," 3,300 feet long, protects the course into safe water.

From the head of the North Channel to the lower entrance of the Welland Ship Canal the distance is 229 miles, the course lying through the Thousand Islands of the Upper St. Lawrence and along Lake Ontario.

# Williamsburg Canals-Mileage and General Data

			Loca	Locks				
Mileage	Structure, Locality, etc.		Minimum Width	Normal Draught	Lift			
	Farran Point Canal	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft.			
$0.00 \\ 0.11 \\ 1.28$	East entrance—Farran Point Village Lock 22—Farran Point West entrance	800 0	50 0	16 0	4.21			
	Total lift				4.21			
0·00 0·19 1·59	Rapide Plat Canal  East entrance—Farlingers Bay, Morrisburg  Lock 23—Morrisburg	285 0	45 0	14 0	11.60			
1.76 2.80 3.67 3.89	Mariatown Heagles Bay Lock 24—Guard Lock West entrance—Flaggs Bay  Total lift.		45 0	14 0	11.60			
	Galop Canal							
$0.00 \\ 0.21 \\ 0.34 \\ 5.25$	East entrance—Iroquois Village Lock 25—Iroquois Bridge 4—Highway—Swing Bridge 5—Can. Nat. Rys. and highway—Swing	800 0	50 0	14 0	15-46			
5·83 6·42 6·42 7·36 8·19 8·64 9·89	Gates Bay Lock 27—Guard Lock Lock 28—River Lock West entrance to canal Dyke Entrance to North Channel West end of North Channel dyke	270 0 326 9	45 0 45 0	14 0 14 0	(6.0)			
0 00	Total lift				15.46			

At low water stages of the St. Lawrence, draughts available at most locks opening into the river are curtailed. During navigation seasons the depths of water on the river gate mitre sills have been as low as the following, all in November 1934:—

Lock 22—13·8 feet Lock 23—12·6 feet Lock 24—11·8 feet Lock 25—14·1 feet Lock 27—12·2 feet Lock 28—11·3 feet

#### WELLAND CANALS

1678–1824—Previous to the construction of the First Welland Canal, all freight had to be transported overland from Queenston on the Niagara River to the mouth of Chippawa Creek above Niagara Falls. This portage was considered of such importance that it was controlled by a French military post as early as 1678. It passed into British hands in 1759. In 1764 a capstan incline was built to the top of the escarpment, 325 feet high, on the east side of the Niagara River from the top of which a wagon portage about 6 miles long was used to carry bateaux and merchandise to the head of the Falls. Tolls were 10 pounds New York currency and upwards for each bateau.

1824-1829—Due to the foresight and energy of the late Honourable William Hamilton Merritt, the first canal was built by a private company called the Welland Canal Company. It provided 8 feet depth of water.

On November 30, 1924, a cairn was unveiled at Allanburg marking the spot where, one hundred years before, the first sod of the original Welland Canal was turned by George Keefer, first President of the Welland Canal Company.

From Port Dalhousie, on Lake Ontario, the route of this canal followed the valley of Twelve Mile Creek to the summit level at Thorold, thence southerly to the Welland River at Port Robinson. From Port Robinson vessels descended the Welland River to its mouth at Chippawa and thence proceeded up the Niagara River to Lake Erie. This canal had 40 wooden locks, each 110 feet long, 22 feet wide with 8 feet depth of water on the sills. The summit level from Port Robinson to Allanburg was supplied from the Grand River above Dunnville by means of a Feeder Canal 27 miles long.

On November 30, 1829, the first two schooners, one British and one American, were taken through the canal from Lake Ontario to Lake Erie.

By 1833 the summit level was extended from Port Robinson to Port Colborne on Lake Erie, which thereafter became the southern terminus of the canal.

1842–1845—Second Welland Canal. In 1841 the Legislature of Upper Canada purchased the canal and began to enlarge its capacity. By increasing the lifts, the 40 wooden locks were reduced to 27. The new locks were built of cut stone, each 150 feet long, 26 feet 6 inches wide, with the depth of water on the sills increased from 8 to 9 feet. The new canal was opened in 1845. It included an additional terminus on Lake Erie which utilized the Feeder Canal from Welland to Stromness and from thence a new branch to Port Maitland at the mouth of the Grand River.

1845-1853—The section of the canal between the Feeder Canal junction at Welland and Port Colborne on Lake Erie was enlarged and opened for 9-foot navigation in 1850 but was still supplied with water by the Feeder Canal. Most of the locks of the Second Canal still exist and the channel from Thorold to Port Dalhousie is being used for power and drainage purposes.

In 1853, shortly after the completion of the Second Canal, the depth was increased to 10 feet by raising the banks and lock

walls.

- 1873-1887—Third Welland Canal, constructed by the Dominion Government for 12 feet draught by 1883 and increased to 14 feet draught by 1887, had its northern terminus at Port Dalhousie, from whence the route extended in a southeasterly direction, climbing the escarpment at Thorold, and thence generally following the route of the Second Canal to Port Colborne. The summit level of the canal was also deepened sufficiently to permit most of the water supply for the canal to be obtained directly from Lake Erie in 1883.
- 1913-1932—The Welland Ship Canal was constructed by the Dominion Government with its northern or Lake Ontario terminus at Port Weller, about 7½ miles westerly from the mouth of the Niagara River. From thence the route follows the valley of Ten Mile Creek almost due south to Thorold and thence generally the route of the Third Canal to Port Colborne.

#### WELLAND SHIP CANAL

Length of canal	27·60 8	statu	te 1	nil	es
Dimensions of locks—					
Lock 1 (Port Weller)		feet			
Locks 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7		feet			
Lock 8 (Guard Lock, Port Colborne)	1,380	feet	by	80	feet
Guard Gates (Thorold)	1				
Total rise of lockage	327	feet		-	
Depth of water on lock sills	30	feet			
Depth of canal prism (generally)	25	feet			
Permissible maximum draught	23	feet			
Breadth of canal prism at bottom	200	feet			
Breadth of canal prism at surface of water	310	feet			
Minimum overhead clearance	125	feet	(Li	t]	Bridges)

The Welland Ship Canal, crossing the Niagara Peninsula, overcomes the difference in level between Lake Ontario and Lake Eric represented by Niagara Falls and the Rapids in the Niagara River. It supersedes the former Third Welland Canal.

There are eight locks—seven lift locks located in the northerly third of the total length, at and below Thorold, and one guard lock about 1½ miles north of the Port Colborne entrance. The lifts vary from 43·7 to 47·9 feet, aggregating 327 feet total lift. Locks 4, 5 and 6 are twin locks in flight, overcoming the steep rise between Merritton and Thorold known as the Niagara Escarpment, and permitting uninterrupted passage of upbound and downbound traffic. The width of all locks is 80 feet but their usable length varies somewhat.

The width of all locks is 80 feet but their usable length varies somewhat. At Lock 8 it is governed by the distance between gate fenders and amounts to 1,198 feet. At the other locks it is the distance between the breast wall near the upper gates and the lower gate fender and is as follows:—

The canal prism is 200 feet wide at the bottom and 310 feet at the water line. The locks were all constructed to give 30 feet of water over their sills and all concrete structures were constructed for this depth. But the canal was finished to a depth of 25 feet only in the reaches between structures as the

remaining depth may be readily dredged without hindering navigation whenever deepening becomes advisable. However, silting and sliding of banks at a few points have reduced to 23 feet the draught which can be recommended. Nevertheless this reduced draught remains greater than is available in the Detroit and St. Mary Rivers.

The canal is crossed by twenty bridges, six of which are railway bridges

and the remainder highway bridges.

The limiting overhead clearance of 120 feet is governed by the vertical lift bridges. The water level in Port Colborne Harbour is varied substantially by the direction and intensity of the wind and this affects the clearance which may prevail under vertical lift Bridges 20 and 21. The horizontal clearance throughout the canal is governed by the width of the locks.

Windbreaks.—To guard against cross winds, one of the greatest sources of delay to the navigation of limited artificial waterways, an extensive reforestation program has been carried out along the banks of the Ship Canal. Vast numbers of trees native to the district have been planted and are fast maturing. Their roots will bind together the earth embankments of the prism reaches, providing a greater measure of protection against the erosive action of the water. In addition, they will form a windbreak by the aid of which vessels may pass · during any mood of the winds.

Safety features.—All controlling equipment for operating the valves, gates, fenders and signals at each lock, is so interlocked as to protect the equipment and to prevent disasters to both locks and vessels.

Protection of the upper gates from upbound vessels is provided by heavy concrete breast walls at the upper end of each lift lock, preventing an upbound vessel which enters a lift lock from ramming the upper gates. Additional protection to these gates is provided by wire rope fenders above and below each lower gate, and above each upper gate where no bridge crosses the upper entrance.

At many places on the Ship Canal there are submarine cables across the canal prism. The locations of these cables are marked by signs on the canal

All locks, movable bridges and other structures, as well as the canal shops, are electrically operated, and the entire canal zone is electrically lighted from power generated at the canal power house below the twin flight locks. Auxiliary power is provided for the bridges by means of gasoline engines or from independent sources of electrical power.

# Port Facilities Along Canal

The Lake Ontario terminus of the canal is situated about 63 miles west of the mouth of the Niagara River. Vessels passing through from Lake Ontario would encounter the following features of interest to navigators:-

Port Weller Harbour

The location of this harbour is shown on Canadian Hydrographic Service

Chart No. 2042.

It is formed by two parallel embankments extending due north 7,500 feet into the lake. The embankments are about 250 feet wide on top and are made of clay, with their inner and outer slopes protected with rock. The enclosed harbour throughout a length of 4,600 feet has a width of 800 feet at the bottom and 1,200 feet at the water line. Deep-draught vessels should give the shore lines of the harbour a clearance of 200 feet, as the slopes of the embankment below water surface have wide flat berms.

On each side of the harbour entrance is a concrete pier 600 feet long. including the pierhead at its outer end. On the west pierhead is a light station.

The centre line of the entrance bears due south, as does also that of the harbour for a distance of 7,000 feet from the entrance pierhead, at which distance the centre line deflects about 15° to the east so as to coincide with that of Lock 1,

situated 2,500 feet farther on.

The entrance channel is 400 feet wide at its narrowest point, between the pierheads, and is 800 feet wide between the inner ends of the entrance piers. From a point 1 mile south of the pierheads, the 800-foot bottom width of the harbour decreases gradually to the 400-foot width between the wharf walls north of the lock. The depth in the entrance channel and for a distance of 2,000 feet south of the pierheads is 28.5 feet at low water (elevation 243.0); for the next 1,500 feet it is 27.5 feet, and thence to the lock entrance it is 25.5 feet.

For a distance of about 3,500 feet northward from the lock there is a

concrete wharf wall along the west side of the inner harbour.

On the east side, between 6,000 and 7,000 feet from the entrance pierheads, there is a 1,000-foot concrete wharf wall. In the north end of this wall there is a gate lifter berth 200 feet square. South of the 1,000 feet of wharf wall, the east side for a distance of 700 feet is an earth slope protected by rock. To the south of this slope for 600 feet there is a concrete wharf with 13½ feet of water in front of it, the northern 350 feet only of which is available for the use of small vessels and tugs, the remainder being used as a spare gate berth. This wharf is set far back in the slope so that small boats moored at it are clear of the deep canal channel to the lock. Between the latter wharf wall and the raceway of the lock, the east side of the harbour is an earth slope faced with concrete.

The canal administration building is situated on the west side of the canal abreast of Lock 1.

Lights.—A cluster of fixed white lights and a flashing red light is shown on the west pierhead at the entrance; an electric foghorn sounds blast two seconds, silent eight seconds, or in case of its failure an electric fog bell sounds continuously. A flashing green acetylene light marks the outer end of the east embankment at the harbour entrance.

Port Weller main light, showing a white flash every five seconds, visible 17 miles, is located on the west embankment or breakwater 3,000 feet from the outer pierhead. A radio-beacon is operated at this station. The pierhead and main lights do not mark the line of approach to the harbour and should

not be used as a range.

#### St. Catharines

St. Catharines Wharf is located on the west side of the canal between Locks 2 and 3, \(\frac{3}{8}\) mile from Queen Elizabeth Way, which crosses the canal over Bridge 4 at Homer; usable length of wharf, 390 feet; depth alongside, 22 feet; turning basin for vessels not exceeding 350 feet in length. Freight shed, leased to a steamship company, is located on wharf. Arrangements may be made for loading or unloading by other companies.

#### Thorold

A turning basin for vessels up to 800 feet in length is provided immediately above Lock 7, on which the following wharves are located:—

West Side.—Thorold Wharf—one-sixth mile from Provincial Highway 58; a public wharf; usable length 787 feet; depth alongside 30 feet; rail connection with Canadian National Railways. Warehouse of Niagara District Warehouse and Forwarding Company located at south end of wharf.

South Side.—Ontario Paper Company Wharf No. 1—Usable length 310 feet; depth alongside 17 feet; built and equipped by the paper company; operated for unloading pulpwood.

East Side.—Berthing accommodation \(\frac{3}{4}\) mile from Provincial Highway 58; 1,900 feet in length; both sides of old Third Canal channel are available; depth 18 feet; guide piers and mooring posts provided; suitable for unloading bulk

materials; leased to private industries.

Ontario Paper Company Wharf No. 2 is located on the east side of the canal, immediately south of the guard gate, adjacent to Provincial Highway 58. This wharf was built and equipped by the paper company; usable length, 600 feet; depth alongside, 25 feet; operated for loading newsprint and for unloading pulpwood and coal.

Beaver Board Wharf is also located on the east side, one-half mile south of the guard gate; one-half mile from Provincial Highway 58; usable length, 953 feet; depth alongside, 25 feet. The south half is leased, but arrangements may be made for use by other companies. Part of north half available for public

use, balance leased.

Just north of Bridge 11 a second channel leads northwesterly from the main channel. This is the old Third Canal channel now used to divert water, carried from Lake Erie for the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, into the Lake Gibson storage reservoir for the Commission's DeCew Falls power development.

#### Port Robinson

A turning basin for vessels up to 600 feet in length is located immediately south of Bridge 12. No wharfage is as yet provided in this area.

#### Welland

Welland Centre Wharf is located on the east side, immediately south of Bridge 14; \(\frac{1}{4}\) mile from Provincial Highway 58; usable length, 975 feet; depth alongside, 15 feet; leased to various building supply and coal companies; small

area available for public use.

Welland South Wharf is located on the east side immediately south of Bridge 16; adjacent to Provincial Highway 58; rail connection to Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railways; usable length, 630 feet; depth alongside, 25 feet. Tracks are at present leased to two local industries, but are available to others by arrangement.

#### Humberstone

A turning basin for vessels not exceeding 450 feet in length is provided immediately north of Lock 8 on which the following wharves are located:—

East Side.—Rameys Bend Wharf, adjacent to Provincial Highway 58; rail connections with Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railways; usable length, 1,800 feet; depth alongside, 27.5 feet; north half leased to a coal company; bunkerage available; south half for public use.

West Side.—West Docking; usable length, 1,800 feet; depth alongside, 25 feet; southerly 1,000 feet leased to a milling company; northern 800 feet undeveloped, but connections to highways and Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways may readily be made available.

The Canal Administration Building is situated on the west bank abreast

of Lock 8.

Port Colborne Marine Post Office is at the Administration Building at Lock 8. Postage stamps, money orders and postal notes, regular and registered letter post are available 24 hours per day during the season of navigation.

#### Port Colborne Harbour

The location of this harbour at the Lake Erie entrance to the canal is shown on Canadian Hydrographic Service Chart No. P2080, about 18 miles west of Buffalo, N.Y.

The channel has been constructed for 27-foot navigation from the lake through both outer and inner harbours with Lake Erie at elevation 570. There are about three and three-quarter miles of wharf wall available for winter mooring, of which three and one-quarter miles have not less than 27 feet depth and the remaining one-half mile affords 14 feet draught.

Outer Harbour.—The outer harbour is protected by two breakwaters. The western one is about 4,300 feet long, located about 4,000 feet off shore and running in a westerly direction from the entrance towards Sugarloaf Point; it is built of timber cribwork covered with concrete, riprapped with large stones along the south or lake face, and at its eastern end is a timber cribwork pierhead 100 feet by 60 feet, on which is the Inner Light of the harbour. From the above main breakwater at a point about 1,000 feet west of its eastern end, a spur breakwater extends lakeward a little east of south about 2,100 feet; it is built of concrete cribs and mass concrete superstructure, with rock riprap on its southwesterly face, terminating in a concrete crib pierhead 100 feet square, on which is the outer light of the harbour. The spur breakwater protects the harbour from southwest gales.

The eastern breakwater begins with a lighted pierhead located 625 feet east of the main western breakwater pierhead and extends thence a little north of east 2,460 feet; it is built of timber cribwork substructure and concrete superstructure, with rock riprap along its outer face and western end, and

should be given a clearance of 150 feet.

An anchorage area of about 37 acres lies inside the inner light of the west breakwater and west of the ship channel, with two harbour piers, 600 feet long and 200 feet wide, projecting from the northerly or shoreward side. On the westerly pier is located the Government Elevator and on the easterly one a privately owned elevator and mill. This area has a least depth of 18 feet except along the westerly side of the latter pier where the least depth is 16 feet. The slip west of the Government Elevator pier, and a channel about 270 feet in width leading thereto, have a least depth of 19 feet.

The harbour entrance channel passes east of the lights on the pierheads of the spur and main west breakwaters, and is 500 feet wide and 29 feet deep. From the pierhead of the main western breakwater, the west limit of the canal channel through the outer harbour follows a straight line to an angle in the west wall 300 feet north of the easterly harbour pier, this channel being 28

feet deep with width gradually reducing from 500 to 400 feet.

Inner Harbour.—The entrance to the inner harbour and the canal is abreast of the two harbour piers, via the channel described above. Opposite the middle of these piers an old octagonal timber crib marks the easterly edge of the canal channel. At points 500 feet and 900 feet north of the crib are two rectangular timber cribs which should be given a clearance of 100 feet in passing. The east wall of the inner harbour and of the canal channel begins at a point 1,600 feet north of the two harbour piers and 6,000 feet north of the outer light, and extends continuously thence to Lock 8, a distance of nearly 6,000 feet. Just south of the outer end of the east wall, the canal channel deflects a little to the west and continues parallel to the east wall, with width reducing to 275 feet in the inner harbour and to 220 feet approaching the first bridge, Bridge 21, which is 1.7 miles north of the outer light. The second bridge, Bridge 20, crosses 300 feet north of the first bridge, and 700 feet north of this the canal curves a little to the east and continues to Lock 8, varying in width from 220 feet to 200 feet. The canal channel through the inner harbour has a minimum depth of 27 feet.

The west wall of the inner harbour is continuous from the south end of the easterly harbour pier to the old canal guard locks, a distance of about 4,000 feet. For 2,000 feet north of the north end of the mill pier this

wall is along the canal channel 28 feet deep. On rock fill to the west of the wall are the tracks of the Canadian National Railways to the Government Elevator and mill piers, also coaling stations and an oil station. From the north end of this section to the old guard locks the depth is only 15 feet in the strip between the west wall and the deep canal channel.

Just north of the second bridge and the old guard locks, there is an opening of 1,000 feet in the bank between the old and new canals, with a depth of 17 feet. This gap forms an entrance to the Old Canal, now the supply channel for the Ship Canal. North of the gap is the upper west entrance wall, 2,000 feet long, of the new guard lock.

Along the east wall of the canal channel are the yards of the Canadian National Railways, two metallurgical companies and a coaling station.

Lights.—Outer light, fixed red, on the pierhead of the west spur breakwater, shows a strong beam over an arc of 30° covering the approach from the turning buoy, with a secondary light visible from the harbour side; an air fog diaphone sounds blast 2 seconds, silent 28 seconds. The easterly edge of the channel opposite the outer light is marked by a lighted buoy painted black showing a flashing white light. Inner light, on the pierhead at east end of the main west breakwater, shows one white flash every 5 seconds, visible 14 miles; an electric fog bell rings continuously in thick weather and a radiobeacon is operated. East breakwater light, on the east pierhead, is flashing white, visible 12 miles.

A vertically striped black and white light and bell buoy, showing a flashing white light, is moored in Lake Erie at a point  $3\cdot 4$  miles SSW. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. from the inner light on west breakwater.

Wharfage areas on the Welland Ship Canal are shown on Canadian Hydrographic Service Chart No. 2042.

#### Scenic and Historical Points of Interest

At Homer, between Locks 2 and 3, the canal is spanned by a double bascule bridge carrying the Queen Elizabeth Way, Ontario's most modern highway.

Locks 4, 5 and 6, twin locks in flight, are similar to those of the Panama. Canal at Gatun, but have a much greater individual and aggregate lift though they are both narrower and shorter and have less draught. At their foot on the west bank is the canal power house, generating electric power to light and operate the whole canal.

It was here, at the north end of the centre wall of Twin Lock 6, that the official ceremony for the opening of the Ship Canal was carried out August 6, 1932, by the Governor General, the Earl of Bessborough, in the presence of many members of the British Empire Economic Conference representing all the Dominions of the Empire.

The chain of ponds northeast of these locks, by means of which the canal water supply descends to the level below, follows the locks and filling ponds of the old Third Welland Canal.

On the east bank of the portion of Third Canal channel which remains east of the Ship Canal just south of Bridge 8, stands a cairn commemorating the battle of Beaverdams, June 24, 1813.

At the western end of Bridge 11 at Allanburg is another cairn commemorative of the turning of the first sod for the First Welland Canal, November 30, 1824.

#### PREVIOUS WELLAND CANALS

The first three Welland Canals had their northern terminus at Port Dalhousie, about three miles west of Port Weller. This harbour is still in operation together with Lock 1 of the Third Canal, by means of which vessels may enter the reach which has been common to the Second and Third Canals.

Port Dalhousie.—This harbour is shown on Canadian Hydrographic Service

Chart No. P2070.

The entrance is between substantial and well-lighted piers 200 feet apart, with ample water for all vessels of 14-foot draught. A fixed red light, visible 9 miles, and an air fog tyfon sounding blast 4 seconds, silent 26 seconds, are located on the outer end of the east pier. The main light, fixed red, visible 15 miles, is located on shore near the inner end of the east pier, 1,500 feet 177° (S.½E.) from the outer light.

Second Welland Canal.—Except for the reach above Lock 1, this canal is no longer used for navigation but its course is utilized as a drainage channel for adjoining municipalities and as a channel incidental to the power development of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario at DeCew Falls.

Third Welland Canal.—Only Lock 1 of this canal is now in operation. A large portion of its channel was incorporated in the Ship Canal.

From the Lake Eric entrance to the Welland Ship Canal to the foot of the Sault Ste. Marie Canal the distance is 575 miles.

## Welland Ship Canal-Mileage and General Data

	Welland Ship Canal—Milea	ge and	Gener	al Data		
Mileage	Structure, Locality, etc.	Length between hollow quoins	Usable Length	Minimum Width	Depth on Sill	Lift
	(Lake Ontario—Standard low water, 2	43·0 above	e M.S.L.)	feet	feet	feet
0.00	Lake Ontario entrance—Port Weller					
1·17 1·51 *1·90	Gate lifter dock Small boat dock Lock I—Port Weller	865	765	80	30.0	46.0
$2.01 \\ 2.08$	Bridge 1—Lake Shore Road—Single bascule Entrance to Drydock				(min.)	(max.)
3·70 3·80 5·15	Lock 2	859	765	80	30.0	46.5
5·19 5·62 6·35	St. Catharines Wharf (400 ft. long—22 ft. depth) Bridge 4—Queen Elizabeth Way—Double bascule Lock 3	859	765	. 80	30.0	46.5
$7.05 \\ 7.20 \\ 7.50$	Bridge 5—Merritton—Vertical lift Hydro-Electric power line Welland Ship Canal power house					
7.58 $7.66$ $7.83$	Bridge 6—Can. Nat. Rys.—2 single bascules Lock 4—Twin in flight. Lock 5—Twin in flight.	859 859	765 767	80	30·0 30·0	47·9 47·9
8·00 8·60 8·71	Lock 6—Twin in flight	859 859	767 766 · 5	80 80	32·8 30·0	43·7 46·5
8·96 9·05	Bridge 7—Peter Street—Thorold—Single bascule Bridge 8—N. St. C. & T. Ry—Swing, 80' channel Thorold Wharf (800 ft. long, 30 ft. depth)					
9·30 9·40	Centre of Turning Basin—Vessels up to 800 ft. long Ontario Paper Company Wharf No. 1 (600 ft. long, 20 ft. depth)					
$9.45 \\ 9.55$	Shriners Culvert Guard Gate and Safety Weir					
9.55	Bridge 9—Thorold-Allanburg Road—Single bas- cule					
9.75	Ontario Paper Company Wharf No. 2 (500 ft. long, 25 ft. depth)					
9.95	Mooring dolphins					

# Welland Ship Canal-Mileage and General Data-Conc.

	Locks								
Mileage	Structure, Locality, etc.	Length between hollow quoins	Usable Length	Minimum Width	Depth on Sill	Lift			
		feet	feet	feet	feet	feet			
10·17 10·45 10·55 11·53 11·51 11·94 12·11 13·00 14·52 14·53 15·10 18·52 18·66 19·09 19·11 19·25 19·36 19·55 19·56 19·79 20·15 21·60 21·64 21·64 221·66 23·65 24·30 24·30	Beaverdams culvert Beaver Board Wharf (1100 ft. long, 25 ft. depth) Bridge 10—Can. Nat. Rys.—Vertical lift Hydro-Electric power line Davis culvert Third Canal channel to H.E.P.C. Weir 1 Bridge 11—Highway 3-A, Allanburg—Vertical lift Hydro-Electric power line Hydro-Electric power line Bridge 12—Port Robinson—Vertical lift Hydro-Electric submarine cable crossing Centre of Turning Basin—Vessels up to 600 ft. Welland River Aqueduct—Welland Bridge 13—Main Street, Welland—Vertical lift Gas main submarine crossing Hydro-Electric power line Bridge 14—Water Street, Welland—Vertical lift Oil pipe line submarine crossing Welland Centre Wharf (1100 ft. long, 13 ft. depth) Hydro-Electric power line Telegraph submarine cable crossing Bridge 15—Michigan Central Railway—Swing— 91-9 and 102-5 ft. draws Gas main submarine crossing Bridge 16—Ontario road—Vertical lift Welland South Whari (626 ft. long, 25 ft. depth) Hydro-Electric power line Bridge 17—Can. Nat. Rys.—Vertical lift Hydro-Electric submarine cable crossing Telephone submarine crossing Bridge 18—Forks Road—Vertical lift Gas main submarine crossing Bridge 18—Forks Road—Vertical lift Gas main submarine crossing Entrance to Rameys Bend—10 ft. depth Centre of Turning Basin—Vessels up to 450 ft. Rameys Bend Wharf (1800 ft. long, 27-4 ft.		feet	feet	feet	feet			
$24.42 \\ 24.42$	depth) Robin Hood Wharf (1800 ft. long, 27 ft. depth) Tailrace from Supply Weir								
24.85	Bridge 19—Highway 3, Humberstone—Single bascule								
<b>2</b> 5 · 02	Lock 8—Guard lock (Humberstone)	1,380	1,198	80	30.0	2.0 to			
25.65	Third Canal Wharf, Port Colborne (800 ft. long, 15 ft. depth)								
25·85 25·91	Bridge 20—Can. Nat. Rys.—Vertical lift Bridge 21—Clarence Street—Port Colborne— Vertical lift								
26.20	Centre of West Street Wharf (1800 ft. long, 15 ft. depth)								
26.23	Centre of East Harbour Wharf (2650 ft. long, 28								
27.40	ft. depth) Centre of West Harbour Wharf (2000 ft. long, 23)								
27.60	ft. depth, and 900 ft. long, 20 ft. depth) Lake Erie entrance—Port Colborne								
	Total lift	feet above	M.S.L.)			327.0			

<sup>\*</sup>Mileage for all locks is to centre of structure.

#### SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL

1797-1798—First canal with one small wooden lock constructed by Northwest Fur Company. Lock—38 feet by 9 feet with 1 foot 6 inch depth on sill. This canal was destroyed in 1814 by a United States army.

1853-1855—First canal built on the United States side of the rapids. Further parallel locks were added as follows:—"Weitzel" lock 1870-81; "Poe" lock 1887-96, replacing the first or "State" lock; "Davis" lock 1908-14; "Fourth" lock 1913-19; and "McArthur" lock 1942-43.

1887-1895—Present Canadian canal constructed for 18.25 feet draught.

Length of Canadian canal, between 1.38 statute mile or 7,295 feet extreme ends of entrance piers.. Number of locks..... 900 feet by 60 feet at low water level; Dimensions of lock..... width at lock bottom, 59 feet. 18 feet 3 inches.\* Normal draught..... Total rise of lockage (mean)...... 19 feet Breadth of canal at bottom..... 141 feet 8 inches 150 feet Breadth at surface of water..... Minimum overhead clearance..... No restrictions

This canal is constructed through St. Mary's Island on the north side of the rapids of the St. Mary River, and, with that river, furnishes communication between Lakes Huron and Superior. It is the farthest west canal on the Main Route.

The canal is lighted by electricity and its lock is electrically operated.

The canal is crossed by one bridge, the Canadian Pacific Railway swing span, near its western entrance.

On the route from the Welland Canal to Sault Ste. Marie a great deal of dredging has been done both between Lakes Erie and Huron and in the St. Mary River, to increase the natural draught to about 21 feet upbound and 24 feet downbound. Draught in the St. Mary River varies with flow conditions and recommendations as to draught are issued from time to time in co-operation with the Lake Carriers' Association.

At Sault Ste. Marie, although the Canadian lock has only 18 feet 3 inches of water on its sills at ordinary water level, the newest United States lock on the southern bank, the "McArthur," has 31 feet of water.

The four United States locks together with the Canadian lock handle a far greater volume of shipping than passes through any other canal system in the world.

#### ATLANTIC OCEAN TO BRAS D'OR LAKES ROUTE

The route, which crosses an isthmus about half a mile in width, connects St. Peters Bay on the southerly side of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, with the Bras d'Or Lakes, the northerly end of which is open to the Atlantic Ocean.

It is used chiefly by vessels to and from Sydney, Nova Scotia, seeking a more protected passage than is afforded by the open ocean. It proved particulary valuable during World War II.

<sup>\*</sup>As heavy easterly gales raise and westerly gales lower temporarily, the water levels below the lock, it is recommended that masters of larger vessels ascertain the available depth from the canal office shortly prior to locking. During navigation seasons the depth of water on the lock sills has been as low as 15 feet 8 inches (Nov. 10, 1926).

#### ST. PETERS CANAL

1854-1869—First canal and lock built to provide 13 feet draught. 1875-1881—Enlarged to 18 feet draught.

1912-1917—Lock enlarged from 200 feet by 48 feet to 300 feet by 48 feet.

Depth of water on sills............. 18 feet at lowest water

Extreme rise and fall of tide in

St. Peters Bay..... 7 feet

Minimum overhead clearance..... No restrictions

The canal is traversed by one bridge, a highway swing span, near the northern entrance.

The canal is lighted by electricity.

### RICHELIEU RIVER AND LAKE CHAMPLAIN ROUTE

This is the short route for water-borne traffic between Montreal and New York. It is limited by the size of the Chambly Canal locks to vessels not longer than 112 feet or wider than 22 feet 6 inches, with a draught not greater than 6 feet 6 inches.

Vessels leaving Montreal proceed down the River St. Lawrence to Sorel at the mouth of the Richelieu River and up that river 14 miles to the lock at St. Ours. The dam at St. Ours raises the river level sufficiently to provide a navigable channel 7 feet deep upstream to Chambly Basin.

Here, at the foot of the rapids, where the river widens into a small lake, still stand the well-preserved walls and some of the buildings of Fort Chambly built when this river was the warpath of the Iroquois and of Champlain and his successors.

The Chambly Canal follows near or on the bank of the river to overcome the long series of rapids which extend to St. Johns. From St. Johns to Lake Champlain navigation is still restricted to about five feet during low water periods by some shallow places in the river, but the lake has deep water across the International Boundary to Whitehall, the northern terminus of the Champlain Canal, which furnishes 12-foot draught connection with the Hudson River at Troy, the eastern terminus of the Eric Canal. From Troy there is deep water navigation to New York City and harbour.

Details concerning the two Canadian canals along this route are as follows:

#### ST. OURS CANAL

1844-1849—Built to provide 7 feet draught. 1930-1932—Canal enlarged to 12 feet draught.

Length ..... 0.12 statute mile

Number of locks.....

Minimum overhead clearance...... No restrictions

<sup>\*</sup>The draught available at this lock varies with the stage of the Richelieu River. During navigation seasons the lowest depth of water on the lock sills has been 11.20 feet on the upper sill (Oct. 13, 1934). The highest levels recorded were on April 21, 1896—33.46 on the lower sill and 27.79 on the upper.

#### CHAMBLY CANAL

1831-1843—Canal built to provide 6½ feet draught as at present.
Length of canal
Number of locks 9
Dimensions of locks,—
Lift Locks 1 to 8
Length, from 120 ft, 6 in. to 126 ft.
Guard lock 9 at St. Johns
Total rise of lockage
Normal draught 6 feet 6 inches*
Breadth of canal at bottom
Breadth of canal at surface of water 60 feet
Minimum overhead clearance 120 feet (Telephone Wires)

\*The draught available at the terminal locks of this canal varies with the stage of the Richelieu River. During navigation seasons the lowest depth of water on lock 1 lower sill has been 6.40 feet (Oct. 15, 1934) and on lock 9 upper sill 6.00 feet (Oct. 19, 1908). The highest level recorded at lock 1 has been 26.50 feet (Mar. 20, 1936) and at lock 9, 13.83 feet (April 17, 1922).

The canal overcomes the rapids between Chambly and St. Johns.

The locks are hand-operated and the canal is lighted by electricity.

## Chambly Canal—Mileage and General Data

		Locks							
Mileage	Structure, Locality, etc.	Leng betw holl quo	reen	Mir mu: Wid	m	Norr Drau		Lift	
		ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	feet	
0·00 0·12 0·14 0·17	Entrance—Chambly Basin (end of guide pier) Lock 1. Lock 2. Lock 3.	125 125 126	10 11 0	23 23 23	5 6 8	6 6 6	6 <sup>3</sup> 6	15·50 9·70 9·80	
0·18 0·72 0·84 0·93 1·08	Bridge 1—Swing Lock 4 Lock 5. Lock 6. Bridge 2—Swing	120 120 120	6 8 9	23 24 23	4 4 4	6 6 6	6 6	7·20 8·00 8·20	
1·26 1·51	Lock 7	120	9	23	4	6	6	7.40	
1.60 1.61 2.13 2.76 3.26 3.75 4.90 5.57 8.32 10.21	Color M. Bridge—Chamby Califor—Swing Lock 8	126	0	23	3	6	6	9.00	
11·13 11·23 11·51 11·70 11·76 11·78	Lock 9.  C.P.R. bridge at St. Johns—Swing Bridge 12 (Gouin) at St. Johns—Bascule Entrance—Richelieu river (end of guide pier) C.N.R. bridge—Swing End of wharf	120	7	23	7	6	6†	5.20	
,	Total lift							80.00	

<sup>\*</sup> The lowest depth of water recorded for this sill is 6 ft. 5 in., 1934; the highest 26 ft. 6 in., 1934. † The lowest depth of water recorded for this sill is 6 ft. 0 in., 1908; the highest 13 ft. 10 in., 1922.

### MONTREAL, OTTAWA AND KINGSTON ROUTE

This route was projected soon after the close of the War of 1812 in order to provide for the young colony an alternative, safer line of communication between Montreal and the new settlements on the Great Lakes, to be available in the event of any resumption of war with the United States.

Happily, that purpose soon became obsolete. Instead, the route was of considerable commercial usefulness for many years, but with highway com-

petition on a motorized basis that use also waned.

The decline on the Ottawa River section has been offset to a considerable extent by the growth of the paper, gravel and oil carrying trade. Moreover, the whole route, particularly the Ottawa-Kingston section, has grown in importance

from tourist and recreational viewpoints.

Starting from Montreal, this waterway follows the Main Route through the Lachine Canal but leaves it in Lake St. Louis, branching off in the middle of the lake to Ste. Anne de Bellevue at the western tip of the Island of Montreal. In order to surmount the short Ste. Anne Rapids there, where one branch of the Ottawa enters Lake St. Louis, vessels must pass through the Ste. Anne Canal into the Lake of Two Mountains.

At the head of that lake are the Carillon Rapids overcome by the Carillon Canal along the northern shore. Here, in or near the village of Carillon, is the spot where, in 1660, Dollard Des Ormeaux and his 16 companions built their rude log fort and perished to a man in their heroic and successful attempt to turn back some 700 Iroquois bent on attacking the young settlement at

Montreal.

At the head of the rapids the Carillon Dam makes the river navigable to the foot of the Long Sault Rapids, six and a quarter miles farther upstream.

These rapids are overcome in their turn by the Grenville Canal on the northern bank, from the head of which the river is navigable to the foot of the

Chaudiere Falls at Ottawa from which the Rideau Canal commences.

The Rideau Canal has made the Rideau and Cataraqui Rivers navigable by means of short cuttings here and there, with dams at suitable points along their courses and accompanying locks to surmount the changes in water elevations. It has utilized the chain of scenic lakes lying at their sources and at the headwaters of the Gananoque River to form one connected waterway from Ottawa to Lake Ontario at Kingston.

More detailed descriptions of the four canals along this route are as

follows:--

#### STE. ANNE CANAL

1816-First canal with one wooden lock built in western channel at Vaudreuil by the St. Andrews Steam Forwarding Company to provide 5 feet depth of water.

1840-1843—First Stc. Anne Canal built by the Board of Works to provide 6 feet

draught.

1879-1886-Canal enlarged to 9 feet draught. 0.12 statute mile Length of canal..... Number of locks..... Dimensions of locks..... - 200 feet by 45 feet 3 feet Total rise of lockage..... 9 feet\* Normal draught..... †Overhead clearance with 9 feet of water on

\*The draught available at this lock varies with the stage of the Ottawa river and Lake St. Louis. During navigation seasons the lowest depth of water on the lock sills has been 7.85 feet on the lower sill (Sept. 11, 1934). The highest levels recorded have been 17.32 feet on the lower sill (May 14, 1943) and 20.00 feet on the upper sill (May 29, 1909). †This clearance (C.N.R. Bridge) varies with the level of Lake St. Louis. The minimum recorded has been 33 feet, 1 inch; the maximum 42 feet, 7 inches.

41 feet 5 inches

lower sill.....

This canal, 22½ miles from Montreal Harbour, overcomes the Stc. Anne Rapids between Ile Perrot and the head of the Island of Montreal, at one of the outlets of that expansion of the Ottawa River called the Lake of Two Mountains. The lock is electrically operated and is lighted by electricity.

From the Ste. Anne Canal to the foot of the Carillon Canal is a navigable stretch of 27 miles through the Lake of Two Mountains and the Ottawa River.

#### CARILLON CANAL

1825-1833—First canal built by the Royal Engineers to provide 6 feet draught. 1873-1882—Canal enlarged to 9 feet draught.

Length of canal	0.94 statute mile	
Number of locks	2	
Dimensions of locks	200 feet by 45 feet	
Total rise of lockage	14 feet	
Normal draught	9 feet	
Breadth of canal at bottom	100 feet	
Breadth of canal at water surface		
Minimum overhead clearance	45 feet (Transmission	1
	lin	

This canal overcomes the Carillon Rapids.

The locks are hand-operated and the canal is lighted by electricity.

By the construction of the Carillon Dam across the Ottawa River the water at that point is raised 9 feet, enabling the river above to be used for navigation to the foot of the Grenville Canal, a distance of 6.25 miles.

#### GRENVILLE CANAL

1825–1829—First canal built by Royal Engineers to provide 6 feet draught. 1871–1882—Canal enlarged to 9 feet draught.

Length of canal	5.94 statute miles
Number of locks	5
Dimensions of locks	200 feet by 45 feet
Total rise of lockage	
Normal draught	9 feet
Breadth of canal at bottom	45 to 50 feet
Breadth of canal at water surface	
Minimum overhead clearance	42 feet (C.N.R. Bridge)

This canal is used to surmount the Long Sault Rapids. The locks are handoperated and the canal is lighted by electricity.

From the Grenville Canal the Ottawa River affords unimpeded navigation to the foot of the Rideau Canal at Ottawa, 56 miles distant.

# Carillon and Grenville Canals-Mileage and General Data

		Loc			KS		
Mileage	Structure, Locality, etc.	Leng betw holl quo	een ow	Min mur Widt	a	Normal Draught	Lift
		ft.	in.	ft. i	n.	ft. in.	feet
	. Carillon Canal						
0.09	Lower entrance to Carillon Canal Lock 1 Lock 2 Upper entrance to Carillon Canal	202 <b>200</b>	3 9	45 45	0	9 0* .9 0*	10·50 3·50
	Total lift						14.00

Between the upper entrance to the Carillon Canal and lower entrance to the Grenville Canal there is a distance of about 61 miles.

	GRENVILLE CANAL							
0.00 $0.11$ $0.27$ $0.38$ $0.53$ $1.27$	Lower entrance to Grenville Canal Lock 3. Waste weir Lock 4. Waste weir Lock 5.	199 200 200	9 3 0	45 45	0 0	9 9	0*	13·20 16·70 6·60
1·27 1·64 4·20 4·58 4·92 5·58	Bridge 1—Stonefield—Swing Waste weir Lock 6	200	6	45	0	9	0	4.00
5·61 5·94	Lock 7. Upper entrance to Grenville Canal  Total lift	200	3	45	0	9	0*	2·50 43·00

\*The draughts available at all entrance locks on the Carillon and Grenville Canals depend on the levels of the Ottawa River. During navigation seasons the lowest and highest depths recorded have been as follows:-

		Lowest	Highest
Lower Lock	1	10.00	$22 \cdot 90$
	2	8.17	$23 \cdot 25$
	3	10.42	29.00
	7	8.58	24.92

#### RIDEAU CANAL

1826-1832—Rideau Canal built by Royal Engineers to provide 5 feet draught.

1831–1834—Tay Branch built by private company—4 feet draught.
1883–1889—Tay Branch enlarged by Dominion Government to provide 5 feet draught.

The Rideau Canal commences in a narrow natural valley flanking the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, where eight locks in flight rise from the Ottawa River. Then through the heart of the city, between walls flanked by boulevarded driveways, the canal winds to the artificial expanse called Dows Lake, then along the foot of the Dominion Experimental Farm to Hartwell's Locks. Thence it continues above the west bank of the Rideau River to the Hogsback Locks where it enters the river just above the Prince of Wales Falls.

The river is then followed upward to its source in the Rideau Lakes. In its whole course there are only a few short cuttings necessary at various points in addition to those which connect the main channel with the lock entrances.

The south branch of the Rideau River which joins the main river about 30 miles from Ottawa is navigable without locks up to the village of Kemptville.

Vessels pass from the Rideau River at Poonamalie Lock into Lower or Big Rideau Lake, the first and largest of a long chain known collectively as the

Rideau Lakes, famed for their scenery and holiday possibilities.

Branching off from the main route through these lakes are a number of subsidiary channels. The principal of these is the six and three-quarter mile Tay Branch Canal which, from near the northern end of Lower Rideau Lake, rises by two locks and through a short cutting into the raised waters of the Tay River which it follows into the Town of Perth.

The other branches utilize principally the open lake waters to reach docks and wharves, most of which are owned privately, at various points along the

shores of the various lakes.

Returning to the main course of the canal, Lower and Upper Rideau Lakes are connected by a lock at the Narrows. The latter lake forms the summit of the route, about 275 feet above the Ottawa River.

A short cutting then leads across the height of land into Newboro Lake, whence the canal descends successively into Opinicon, Sand, Whitefish and Cranberry Lakes. The latter two have really been a single lake ever since the construction of the canal drowned out the marsh which formerly lay between them.

Outlet from Cranberry Lake is through the Cataraqui River, dammed like the Rideau to make it navigable. Through two successive expanses of drowned land behind these dams the channel runs to Kingston Mills, where by a single lock and three locks in flight it drops into the natural channel of the Cataraqui and follows that river for about six miles to the harbour of the City of Kingston, about 161 feet below the summit level.

The Department of Transport maintains storage reservoirs on Bobs Lake at the head of the Tay River and Wolfe Lake at the head of Upper Rideau Lake, to assist in providing necessary water supply. In addition, private companies store water on Devils, Hart, Rock and Loughborough Lakes, the storage and release of which for power purposes benefits navigation interests as well.

With these reserves, therefore, it is usually possible to maintain the normal draught, although in periods of low precipitation the draught in some sections

has to be curtailed for a portion of the season.

Vessels passing through the Rideau Canal are limited to 110 feet in length and 30 feet beam. The official draught for vessels is 5 feet but vessels drawing up to 5'6" may normally pass all sections of the canal except during dry seasons when the draught in some sections is curtailed.

Owing to the rounded, inverted arch bottoms of certain locks, barges, scows and other craft with square. flat bottoms, are limited to a draught of 4 feet

unless they are somewhat narrower than 30 feet.

The following is a summary of mileage and other data relating to this canal:—

Navigation Distances— Ottawa River to summit level at Newboro Newboro to Lasalle Causeway, Kingston	Miles 84·74 38·79
South Rideau Branch to Kemptville. Tay Branch, Big Rideau Lake to Perth. Portland Branch on Big Rideau Lake. Westport Branch on Upper Rideau Lake. Morton Branch on Whitefish Lake. Seeleys Bay Branch on Cranberry Lake.	123·53 2·90 6·82 6·48 5·25 1·62 0·65
	147.25

Total Lift and Number of Locks at Normal Navigation levels Ascending from Ottawa to summit level	Number of locks	Total lift in Feet
(Upper Rideau)	33 14	277 161
Tay Branch ascending to Perth	47	438
Dimensions of all locks	5' 6"; Minim	464 um, 5′ 0″
Main Channel, bottom		60′
Tay Branch, bottom (in rock)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	80′
Tay Branch, bottom (in rock)	*********	40'
Minimum constant I top	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	60' 80'
Minimum overhead clearance:		80
Ottawa section only		26' 6"
Ottawa to Decketts		27' 0"
Decketts to Newboro		27' 5"
Newboro to Kingston		30' 0"
Normal length of navigation season:		
Locks put into operation with skeleton staff, May 1.		
Full operating staff commences about May 20.		
Skeleton operating staff commences again about Octob	er 15.	

Operation of locks ends about November 30.

Sunday operation usually commences for some sections on the third Sunday in May and continues to the last Sunday of September. All sections are usually open from the last Sunday in June to the second Sunday in September. Operation on Sundays is restricted to certain hours, as specified each season by Notices to Mariners.

# Rideau Canal—Mileage and General Data

Miles from Ottawa	Structure, Locality, etc.	Length between Mini-hollow mum Quoins Width Normal Draught Average Lift Overhead Clear-Prism
	(Ottawa River—mean level 130.5 above M.	S.L.; low in 1921—127·8; high in 1928—148·7) ft. in.   ft. in.   ft. in.   feet   ft. in.   miles
1.50 1.56 2.81 3.40 3.72 4.17 5.23 5.25 7.43 9.25 14.25 14.33 16.03	Ottawa River, Ottawa Ottawa Locks, 1 to 8, in flight	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

# Rideau Canal—Mileage and General Data—Con.

	Structure, Locality, etc.				Over-					
Miles from Ottawa		Leng betw holle quo	een ow	Min mun Wid	m	Norr Drau		Average Lift	head Clear- ance	Prism
		ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	feet.	ft. in.	miles
30·48 33·38	Channel to Kemptville			outh	Rie	deau 1	3ra	nch to K	emptvill	e 
31.93 38.93 39.43 41.83	Becketts high level fixed bridge Lock 17—Burritts Rapids Bridge 9—swing—Burritts Rapids Flight Lock 18—Nicholsons	134	0	33		5	6	10.50	27.0	1.50
42.09 $42.10$	Flight Lock 19—Nicholsons	134	0	33	0	5	6	8.00		0.57
42·50 44·30 44·65	19 Lock 20—Clowes Merrickville C.P.R. high level bridge Flight Lock 21—Merrickville	134 134		33	0	5	6	7·50 8·60	40.0	0.07
44.81	Flight Lock 22—Merrickville Flight Lock 23—Merrickville Bridge 11—swing—Merrickville—over Lock	134 134	0	33 33	0 0	5 5	6	10·20 5·90		0.53
52·81 52·82	Lock 24—KilmarnockBridge 13—swing—Kilmarnock, over Lock 24	134	0	33	0	5	6	2.00		0.25
$\begin{array}{c} 56 \cdot 22 \\ 57 \cdot 72 \end{array}$	Lock 25—Edmonds	134		33	0	5	6	9.10	30.0	0.15
$57 \cdot 72$ $57 \cdot 77$ $58 \cdot 52$	Old Slys Locks, 26 and 27, in flight Bridge 15—swing—Old Slys Smiths Falls combined locks, 28, 29 and 30				0	5	6	16.00		0.23
58·58 58·86	in flightBridge 17—swing—Beckwith Street Bridge 19—swing—Abbot Street	134	0	33	0	5	6	25.50		0.11
58.88 58.98 60.98	Smiths Falls detached Lock 31	134	0	33 33	0	5	6	8·00 6·00		0·19 1·06
61.58	Entrance to Lower Rideau Lake  Diversion to Tay Branch					1 40 T				
65.80	Canal entrance—Beveridge Bay—Rideau Lake		1	ay C	ana	l to P	610	11		
66·00 66·09	Lock 33—Beveridges Bridge 21—swing—Beveridges	134	!		0	5				3.50
$66 \cdot 32$ $71 \cdot 52$ $71 \cdot 77$ $71 \cdot 86$ $71 \cdot 92$	Lock 34—Beveridges. Bridge 22—swing—Craig Street, Perth Bridge 23—swing—Beckwith Street, Perth Bridge 24—swing—Drummond Street, Perth Perth Basin Wharf	134	0	33	0	5	6	13.0		
71.96	Bridge 25—swing—Gore Street	(Total Length Tay branch 6-12 miles)								
67.02	Bridge 26—swing—Rideau Ferry									
72·42 78·90	Diversion to Portland Portland Wharf	Channel to Portland Wharf on South shore Big Rideau Lake								
80·02 80·02 80·08	Lock 35—The Narrows Bridge 27—swing—The Narrows Entrance to Upper Rideau Lake (Summit level 407·0 above M.S.L.)	134	0	33	0	<b>`</b> 5	6	4.0		0.04
80·08 85·33	Diversion to Westport Westport Wharf		Cha	annel	to '	Westp Jpper	ort Rie	Wharf or deau Lak	n West sh	ore
$84 \cdot 27$ $84 \cdot 34$ $84 \cdot 74$ $89 \cdot 74$ $90 \cdot 00$ $90 \cdot 00$ $92 \cdot 15$ $96 \cdot 45$ $96 \cdot 48$	C.N.R. high level bridge Bridge 29—high level, highway. Lock 36—Newboro C.N.R. high level bridge. Lock 37—Chaffeys. Bridge 30—swing—Chaffeys Lock 38—Davis. Lock 39—Jones Falls. Jones Falls Basin	134 134 134 134 134	0	33 33 33 33	0 0 0		6 6 6	7·5 11·0 9·0 15·0	34·0 27·5 34·0	1·06 0·45 0·08
96·59 96·63	Locks 40 to 42 in flight—Jones Falls Bridge 33—swing—Jones Falls, over Lock 41	134	0	33	0	5	6	43.0		

### Rideau Canal-Mileage and General Data-Con.

					Lo	CKS			Over-	
Miles from Ottawa	Structure, Locality, etc.	Leng betw holl quo	een ow	Mir mu: Wid	m	Normal Draught		Average Lift	head	Canal Prism
		ft.	in.	ft.	in.	ft.	in.	feet	ft. in.	miles
99·38 101·00	Diversion to Morton Morton wharf and dam	Channel to Morton Wharf on Morton River								
100·88 101·53	Diversion to Seeleys Bay Seeleys Bay wharf	Channel to Seeleys Bay Village and Wharf								
103 · 08 107 · 28 107 · 31 109 · 06	Bridge 36—swing—Brass' Point Locks 43 and 44 in flight—Upper Brewers Mills.  Bridge 37—swing—Upper Brewers, over Lock 44 Bridge 39—swing—Lower Brewers, over	134	0	33	0	5	6	18.50		1.45
109·06 118·81 118·81 118·83	entrance to Lock 45 Lock 45—Lower Brewers Mills or Washburn Lock 46—Kingston Mills Bridge 41—swing—Kingston Mills		0	33 33	0	5 5	6			
118 · 83 118 · 91 118 · 93 123 · 53	Kingston Mills basin Locks 47 to 49 in flight—Kingston Mills C.N.R. high level bridge over Locks 47-48. Kingston-Lasalle Causeway bascule bridge	134	0	33	0	5	6	44.0	30 0	0.25
	(Lake Ontario—Mean level, 245 (Standard low water, 243.0 abo	15.8 above M.S.L.)						17.72		

### LAKE ONTARIO AND GEORGIAN BAY ROUTE

This route is a short-cut for smaller vessels between Lake Ontario and Georgian Bay, an alternative to the longer route by Lake Eric and Detroit. Actually, the Trent Canal by itself is the short-cut, but the Murray Canal, though built primarily to accommodate light-laden lake shipping seeking a more protected channel through the Bay of Quinte, also prevides an additional outlet to Lake Ontario for Trent Canal traffic and is thus geographically included in the route.

### **MURRAY CANAL**

1882-1889—Canal built to provide 10.5 feet draught as at present.

Length between eastern and western piers	5·15 statute miles
Breadth at bottom	80 feet
Breadth at water surface, low water, Lake	
Ontario	124 feet
Draught at elevation 244 of Lake Ontario	9 feet, 6 inches
Number of locks	None
Minimum overhead clearance	125 feet (Transmission line)

This lockless canal extends through the narrow isthmus of Murray and connects the western end of the Bay of Quinte with Presqu'ile Bay. Its overall length including the dredged entrance channels is 7.53 miles, of which 6.80 miles is on a straight line from the Bay of Quinte entrance to a point in Presqu'ile Bay where the channel swings southward.

Three swing bridges cross the canal, two for highway traffic and one for the Canadian National Railways.

### TRENT CANAL

- 1833-1844—Three sections of this waterway, not connected, were built for 4\frac{3}{4} feet depth—about 16 miles of the middle Trent River, about 52 miles between Heely Falls and Peterborough and an extensive navigation through Chemong, Buckhorn, Pigeon, Sturgeon and Scugog Lakes.
- 1869-1874—The Province of Ontario built a lock at Rosedale to connect Cameron Lake with Balsam Lake and one at Young's Point to join Stony and Katchiwano Lakes. Each of these locks provided a draught of 6 feet.
- 1882–1887—Locks were built at Burleigh Falls, Lovesick, Buckhorn and Fenelon Falls for a draught of 6 feet, to complete the connection of all the Kawartha Lakes.
- 1895-1907—Peterborough-Lakefield and Balsam-Simcoe divisions built for 6 feet draught, making navigation continuous from Heely Falls to Lake Simcoe.
- 1906–1918—The remaining sections of the canal were built to their present capacities and parts of the oldest sections were rebuilt.

The term "Trent Canal" is applied to that series of rivers and lakes which, by a system of dams, locks, short artificial channels and two marine railways, provides 8-foot navigation for 89 miles from Lake Ontario to Peterborough and 6-foot navigation for an additional 135 miles to Swift Rapids as well as for 8 miles from Georgian Bay to Big Chute. The intervening 8 miles between Swift Rapids and Big Chute are restricted by the capacity of the marine railways at these two places to a draught of 4 feet.

The canal began in a small way in 1833 with the construction of a few locks on the Trent and Otonabee Rivers and on the Kawartha Lakes in order to connect up the small pioneer settlements along their banks and shores. In addition to performing this vital service, these early locks and dams, assisted by an extensive system of log slides, contributed for many years to the flourishing lumber trade of the district. With the depletion of the forests, however, traffic began to settle down to a more prosaic freight-carrying trade. Good roads and motor transport made some temporary inroads on this traffic during the nineteen twenties and thirties, but they have also brought about a very extensive development of the route as a holiday and tourist playground in which the canal facilities play no inconsiderable part.

This route follows in the main the historic Iroquois Trail, the pathway followed by the Iroquois in their deadly descents on the Huron tribesmen. It was the route followed by Champlain when he discovered Lake Ontario while on a retaliatory raid with the Hurons in 1618. It may have been by this same warpath that the Iroquois returned thirty years later to annihilate the Hurons and the flourishing mission of the Jesuits amongst them.

In post-glacial times the Algonquin River followed much the same route. This river was the outlet of Lake Algonquin which then covered Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron and adjacent areas extending south-eastward across Lake Simcoe and Balsam Lake to near Fenelon Falls. From there the Algonquin River followed the Kawartha Lakes to Stony Lake but reached Rice Lake through Indian River rather than by the Otonabee as at present. Rice Lake was then an arm of a huge lake (called Lake Iroquois by geologists) which in those times covered the present Lake Ontario and a large area of adjacent country.

From the western end of the Bay of Quinte at Trenton the canal route climbs the Trent River to the eastern end of Rice Lake, rising 367 feet through 18 locks. Midway along the length of Rice Lake the route enters the Otonabee River which it follows upward through Lock 19 into Little Lake at Peterborough, 8-foot navigation terminating at the lower entrance to Lock 19.

In order to avoid the series of rapids through and above Peterborough, an artificial channel four miles long has been cut through the eastern limits of the city. This waterway connects with the river again at Nassau.

In this section and right on the borders of the city is the world's highest lift hydraulic lock. Two large chambers, 140 feet long and 33 feet wide, are balanced on two huge plungers working in deep presswells in such a manner that when one chamber is up and opening into the upper reach of the canal the other is down and opening into the lower. The two chambers are so arranged that the depth of water in the descending chamber is greater than that in the ascending chamber. It is this greater depth and, consequently, greater weight of water in the descending chamber which causes the lock to operate. After the gates at the ends of the chambers and at the ends of the adjoining reaches have been closed, the simple opening of a valve between the two presswells allows the water to flow freely between them, permitting the lighter-laden ascending chamber to be lifted on its plunger by the heavier descending chamber. In this way the lift of sixty-five feet may be accomplished by a vessel in about seven minutes.

Upstream from this section of artificial, excavated channel comes the long chain of the Kawartha Lakes—Katchiwano, Clear, Stony, Lovesick, Deer Bay, Buckhorn, Chemong, Pigeon, Sturgeon, Cameron and Balsam. These lakes are separated only by very short channels and the rapids or falls through which their

surplus water plunges into the level below.

These lakes and the islands which dot them adorn an extensive holiday land with scenic attractions rivalling the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence and the Thirty Thousand Islands of Georgian Bay. The Trent Canal has made them quite as accessible to the motor launches and pleasure yachts of tourists. Their tributaries to the north reach out a hundred miles through a hundred smaller lakes equally or even more picturesque.

Balsam Lake is the summit level of the canal, 598 feet above low water on

Lake Ontario and 260 feet above Georgian Bay.

From near the ruins of "The Fort" of fur-trading days, on the western shore of Balsam Lake the canal is cut across low land to the nearest point on the Grass River, a tributary of the Talbot River. A dam on the Grass River creates a small artificial lake, called Mitchell Lake. From this lake a cutting about three miles long extends to the head of Canal Lake formed by the dammed waters of the Talbot River. In this cutting, near Kirkfield, the second hydraulic lock on the system is located. Its lift is 49 feet and it differs from the Peterborough Lock in that the towers supporting the lifting chambers are of steel construction while those at Peterborough are of concrete.

The canal follows the Talbot River for about nine miles farther and then to avoid the circuitous river course follows a straight artificial channel for about

three miles to Lake Simcoe.

Lake Simcoe and its northern extension, Lake Couchiching, are controlled by six dams on the three branches of the Severn River which drain the latter lake at Washago, its northern point. From Washago a two-mile cutting leads

northerly to the Severn at the foot of Lock 42.

The Severn River flows between picturesque rocky shores and has many deep sections whose raised levels are regulated by the two dams at Swift Rapids and Big Chute. These two dams are not provided with locks but marine railways at each make it possible for launches of not over 20 tons and 4 feet draught to pass, provided they are no longer than 60 feet nor wider than 13 feet 6 inches. The difference in water level overcome by the Swift Rapids marine railway is 47 feet while at Big Chute the difference is 58 feet.

Vessels of 6 feet draught and not over 25 feet beam have access also to the reach beyond Big Chute through the lock at Port Severn, the Georgian Bay

entrance to the canal.

The draught from Lock 19 to Georgian Bay except for the marine railway section is 6 feet but below Lock 19 vessels of 8 feet draught are accommodated. Under present arrangements vessels drawing more than 6 feet 10 inches on this section below Lock 19 are required to give such notice as may be required by the Superintending Engineer before entering as some of its reaches may be drawn down below their standard elevations from time to time for power purposes.

There are a number of branches diverging from the main channel through the lake portion of the canal, but the draught on these is variable. The most important branch is the 35-mile Scugog Branch from Sturgeon Lake up the Scugog River through a lock at Lindsay and across Lake Scugog to Port Perry. This has 6 feet draught up to Lindsay and 4 feet above that point at normal stages of the river.

As all locks from Lake Ontario to Sparrow Lake are 33 feet wide, the beam of vessels navigating this section may not exceed 32 feet 6 inches. Their maximum length, however, depends on their build. Square-built scows are limited to a length of 110 feet but vessels of standard build may be longer. They may be up to 127 feet long if their beam does not exceed 21 feet. Vessels 35 feet longer than these lengths may be accommodated up to the lower entrance to Lock 19.

Water supply for maintaining water levels in the section of the canal descending towards Georgian Bay is ensured by control of the Lake Simcoe levels. Water levels in the section descending towards Lake Ontario are maintained by water stored in the Kawartha Lakes and in sixty-four other reservoir lakes strategically located on the northern tributaries of the Kawarthas in Haliburton and Peterborough counties.

### Trent Canal—Mileage and General Data

Miles	Structure, Locality, etc.		head					C .
from Trenton	butterne, Locanty, etc.	Nor- mal	re-	Length between hollow quoins	Mini-	Normal draught	Average lift	Canal prism
	-	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	Miles

(Lake Ontario—Mean level, 245.8 above M.S.L.; Standard low water, 243.0 above M.S.L.)

		ı	1	1	1						1	
0.00	Entrance to Bay of QuinteBridge 1—Dundas St., Trenton—High-											
	way swing											
0.36 $0.86$	Bridge 2—Can. Nat. Rys.—Swing Bridge 3—Can. Pac. Ry.—High level	43	4 40 1									0.75
$1.74 \\ 1.78$	Bridge 3—Can. Pac. Ry.—High level Bridge 4—Can. Nat. Rys.—High level	30	6 27 3	177								
2.41	I I EII LOIR LOCK I		1	175	U	33 33	0	8	U	17 20	7	
3.67	Trenton—Lock 2. Bridge 5—Glen Miller—Highway											
3.85	swing Glen Miller—Lock 3			175	0	33	0	8	0	27	0	
5.15	Township of Sidney—Lock 4		-	175	0	33	0	8	0	18	0	1.00
6.38	Township of Sidney—Lock 5			175	0	33	0	8	ő	18		
$7 \cdot 26$	Frankford—Lock 6			175	0	33	0	8	0	16	0	0.25
7.56	Bridge 6—Frankford—Highway swing											1.75
8·01 13·82	Emergency dam Glen Ross—Lock 7			175	0	33	0	8	0	10	0	0.50
13.85	Glen Ross—Lock 7 Bridge 7—Glen Ross—Highway swing											
13·86 13·96	Emergency dam Bridge 8—Can. Nat. Rys.—Swing											
25 · 26	Township of Seymour—Lock 8			175	0	33	0	8	0	19	7	1.25
26.41	Township of Seymour—Lock 9					33	0	8	0	16		
27.99	Township of Seymour—Lock 10			175	0	33	0	8	0	24	0	0.75
29.68	Ranney Falls—Locks 11 and 12 in flight.			175	0	33	0	8	0	48	0	
$29.74 \\ 29.75$	Emergency dam Bridge 11—Highway swing											
30.69	Bridge 12—Can. Nat. Rys.—Bascule. Bridge 13—Can. Nat. Rys.—High level		0 07 0					. ,				1.00;
$30.77 \\ 31.13$	Bridge 13—Can. Nat. Rys.—High level Bridge 14—Campbellford—Highway	28	8 27 8									
	bascule		1	175	۸	33	٥	8	0	23	0	
32 · 17	Township of Seymour—Lock 13											0.50
$33.70 \\ 33.72$	Township of Seymour—Lock 14 Emergency dam		1	1		33	0	8	0	25	0	
36.16	Heely Falls—Lock 15			175	0	33	0	8	0	21	$9\frac{1}{2}$	
$36.18 \\ 36.51$	Bridge 15—Highway swing Heely Falls—Locks 16 and 17 in flight.			175	0	33	0	8	0	54	0	1.00
$36 \cdot 56$	Emergency dam			1								
37 · 11	Bridge 16—Heely Falls, Highway swing											
43.38	Bridge 17-Trent Bridge, Highway											
51.13	swing Hastings—Lock 18			175	0	33	0	8	0	9	0	
51.16	Bridge 18—Highway swing			110								
$51 \cdot 17$ $51 \cdot 95$	Emergency dam Bridge 19—Can. Nat. Rys.—swing											
57.95	Entrance to Rice Lake											
69.00	Mouth of Otonabee River											
$76.53 \\ 80.35$	Bridge 20—Bensfort—Highway swing Bridge 21—Hale's—Highway swing											
88.74	Peterborough—Lock 19	1		134	0	33	0	6	0	8	0	
88·83 88·94	Bridge 22—Highway swing Bridge 23—Can. Nat. Rys.—Swing Peterborough—Lock 20											
89.51	Peterborough—Lock 20			142	0	33	0	6	0	12	0	
$89.61 \\ 89.72$	Bridge 24—Maria St.—Swing Bridge 25—Can. Pac. Ry.—Swing											
90.10	Peterborough—Lock 21—Hydraulic			140	0	33	0	6.	. 0	65	0	
	lift	[		1 140	U	1 00		ι. σ.		1 00		, , , , , , , ,

### Trent Canal—Mileage and General Data—Continued

			head rance		Lo	cks		Canal
Miles from Trenton	Structure, Locality, etc.	Nor- mal	Least re- cord- ed	Length between hollow quoins	Mini- mum width	Normal draught	Average lift	Canal prism
				ft. in.	ft. in.		ft. in.	Miles
90·58 90·58 91·01	Bridge 26—Norwood Road—High level Guard gate Bridge 27—Warsaw Road—Highway swing							3.50
91·01 93·25 93·33 93·38 94·25	Guard gate Guard gate—Nassau Bridge 28—Can. Nat. Rys.—Swing Bridge 29—Nassau—Highway Swing Township of Douro—Lock 22				. 33 0	6 0	14 0	0.25
94.84 $96.38$ $97.29$ $98.72$ $99.00$	Township of Douro—Lock 23  Township of Douro—Lock 24  Township of Douro—Lock 25  Lakefield—Lock 26  Bridge 30—Lakefield—High level  Guard Gate—Lakefield.  Bridge 31—Vourge Point—Highway	23 6	20.6	142 ´0 142 0 142 0 142 0	33 0 33 0 33 0 33 0		. 15 8	0.25
$99.04 \\ 104.45$	Bridge 31—Youngs Point—Highway swing							0.90
104·47 104·49	Youngs Point — Lock 27				33 0	8 10	7 3	
112·87 113·00	Burleigh Falls—Flight Lock 28 Burleigh Falls—Flight Lock 29 Bridge 32—Burleigh Falls—Highway			134 0	33 0 33 0	6 0	24 0	
114·75 120·66 120·66	swing Lock 30 Buckhorn—Lock 31. Bridge 33—Buckhorn—Highway swing			134 0 134 0	33 0 33 0	6 0	3 6 11 6	0.25
132.68	Bridge 61—Bridgenorth, Chemong Lake —Floating bridge with steel swing span	,			Bra (Chemo	nch ng Lake	)	
130·17 138·17 138·21 138·23 148·00	Bridge 34—Gannon's Narrows—Float- ing bridge with swing span Bridge 35—Bobcaygeon—Swing Bobcaygeon—Lock 32			175 0	33 0	6 0	5 5	0.25
156·19 156·31 156·35 157·20 157·87 183·00	Bridge 65—Wellington Street, Lindsay—Highway bascule Bridge 66—Lindsay Street—fixed Lindsay—Lock	14 8 31 0	29 2	142 0	33 0	e to Por	7 0	
153 · 61	Fenelon Falls—Flight Lock 33			150 0	33 0	6 0	23 7	0.50
153 · 61 153 · 98 157 · 17	Fenelon Falls—Flight Lock 34Bridge 36—Highway swing Bridge 37—Can. Nat. Rys—Swing Rosedale—Lock 35.			134 0 175 0	33 0	6 0	4 0	1.00
157 · 19 158 · 00 158 · 10	Emergency dam Bridge 38—Rosedale—Highway swing Entrance to Balsam Lake							
100 01	(Balsam Lake—Sumn	nit leve	el, 841·	0 above 1	M.S.L.)			
$163.91 \\ 165.24$	Guard gate—Balsam Lake Bridge 39—Victoria Road—Highway swing							
166·80 167·88 167·98 169·26	Bridge 40—Portage Road—High level Guard gate Bridge 41—Can. Nat. Rys.—High level Guard gate—Kirkfield		22 9 22 8					6.00
	Kirkfield—Lock 36—Hydraulic lift	24 10	24 1	140 0	33 0	6 0	49 0	

### Trent Canal-Mileage and General Data-Concluded

Miles	Structure, Locality, etc.	Over Clean			Loc	cks		G 1
from Trenton		Nor- mal	Least re- cord- ed	Length between hollow quoins		Normal draught	Average lift	Canal prism
		ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	ft. in.	Miles
172·98 175·23 176·65	Bridge 42—High-level arch Bridge 43—Balsover—Highway swing Bridge 44—Boundary Road—Highway swing	28 1	27 6					
177 · 04 178 · 05 179 · 07	Township of Thorah—Lock 37 Township of Mara—Lock 38 Bridge 46—Kane's—Highway swing			142 0 142 0	33 0 33 0	6 0	$ \begin{array}{cccc} 21 & 8\frac{1}{2} \\ 14 & 0 \end{array} $	6.0
179 · 63 180 · 09	Township of Thorah—Lock 39			142 0	33 0	6 0	13 0	
180·09 180·74 180·79	Township of Thorah—Lock 40 Township of Thorah—Lock 41 Bridge 47—Gamebridge—Highway			142 0 142 0	33 0	6 0	14 0 11 6	3.0
181·70 181·85 182·15	swing Bridge 48—Can. Nat. Rys.—High level Bridge 49—Can. Nat. Rys.—Swing Bridge 50—Lakeshore Road—Highway	22 8	21 10					
182 · 20	swing Entrance to Lake Simcoe							
	(Lake Simcoe Le	vel—71	8∙3 ab	ove M.S.	L.)			
197 · 56	Bridge 51—Atherley road—Highway swing							
197.66	Bridge 52—Can. Nat. Rys.—Atherley Narrows—Swing							
208 · 24	Bridge 54—Muskoka Road—Highway							
209 · 14	Bridge 55—Can. Nat. Rys.—Washago Swing							
209·87 209·89	Guard Gate—Couchiching Couchiching—Lock 42			175 0	33 0	7 0	20 3	3.0
209.90	Bridge 56—Couchiching—Highway high-level.	31 0		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				
$212 \cdot 73$ $222 \cdot 40$	Bridge 57—Hamlet—Highway swing Bridge 58—Can. Nat. Rys.—Ragged	51 0	20 1					
	Rapids—High-level	34 0		(60 0	13 6	4 0)	47 0	
224·45 228·07	Swift Rapids Marine Railway	33 7	33 2	(00 0	13 0	4 0)	47 0	
232·45 240·55	Big Chute—Marine Railway			(60 0 100 0	13 6 25 0	4 0) 6 0	58 0 12 0	
$240.55 \\ 240.55$	Bridge 60—Port Severn—Highway			100 0	20 0	0 0	12 0	
	swing							
$240 \cdot 56$	Entrance to Georgian Bay							

(Lake Huron—Mean level, 580·6 above M.S.L. Standard low water 578·5 above M.S.L.)

The depth of water on lock sills varies with prevailing water levels. The depths at locks opening on Lake Ontario, Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay have been as low as the following during the navigation season:—

 Lock 1, Trenton
 7'4" on October 28, 1934.

 Lock 41, Gamebridge
 7'0" on August 30, 1941.

 Lock 42, Couchiching
 7'8" on October 17, 1929.

 Lock at Port Severn
 6'2" on August 21, 1926.

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$\hat{2}$	Frankford to Glen Ross	66	4 "	1 "	.50
	Glen Ross to Hickory Island	46 ,	4 "	1 "	.50
4	Hickory Island to Campbellford	. "	4 "	1 "	.50
$\hat{\bar{5}}$	Campbellford to Trent Bridge	"	4 "	1 "	.50
6	Trent Bridge to Hastings	66	4 "	1 "	.50
7	Hastings to Rice Lake	46	4 "	ī "	.50
8	Rice Lake	. "	2 "	ī "	.50
9	Rice Lake to Bensfort Bridge	46	4 "	1' "	.50
10	Bensfort Bridge to Peterborough	66	4 "	ī "	.50
11	Peterborough to Nassau	44	4 "	1 ".	.50
12	Nassau to Lakefield	66	4 "	ī "	.50
13	Lakefield to Young's Point	"	4 ".	ed //	.50
14A	Stony Lake	. 46	4 "	1 "	.50
15	Burleigh Falls to Buckhorn	"	4 "	7 "	.50
16	Buckhorn to Gannon's Narrows (Buck-		,	_	
20	horn Lake)	"	4 "	1 "	.50
16A	Chemong, Buckhorn and Pigeon Lakes	66	2 "	1 "	.50
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18	Bobcaygeon to Fenelon Falls (Sturgeon		1	1	.00
10	Lake)	66	2 "	1 "	.50
18A	Sturgeon Point to Lindsay	"	4 "	. 1 "	.50
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20	Balsam Lakes)	66	2 "	1 "	.50
20	Laidlaws (Balsam Lake) to Lake Simcoe.	66	2 "	ī "	.50
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4336 (Old 436)	St. Peters Bay.	4.0	18,000	Nov. 1943
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1325 (Old 25) 1326 (Old 26)	Richelieu River—River St. Lawrence to Beloeil Bridge Richelieu River—Chambly Basin, to Lake Champlain.	$2 \cdot 5$ $2 \cdot 5$	31,713 31,713	July 1939 July 1939
	Lachine Canal			
1340 (Old 1) 1450 (Old 50)	Montreal Harbour (shows lower entrance to canal)  Lake St. Louis (shows upper entrance to canal)	6·0 2·9	12,000 25,219	Aug. 1944 July 1942
1449 (Old 49)	Lachine to Coteau and Carillon (shows upper entrance to canal)	1.5	48,000	Mar. 1941
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1450 (Old 50) 1449 (Old 49) 1545 (Old 45)	Lake St. Louis (shows St. Annes lock)	$2.9 \\ 1.5 \\ 3.0$	48,000	July 1942 Mar. 1941 Mar. 1933
	RIDEAU CANAL			
1548 (Old 48) 1459 (Old 59) 1477 (Old 77)	Masson to Ottawa (shows entrance to canal)	3·0 . 6·0		Mar. 1933 Sept. 1942
1477 (Old 77)	Howe Island to Kingston (shows entrance to canal system)	2.25	32,466	Mar. 1943
	TRENT CANAL		i	
2053 (Old P- 2053)	Trenton and Approaches (shows entrance to canal system)	6.0	12,000	June 1943
2069 (Old 69) 2217 (Old 117)	Bay of Quinte (shows entrance to canal system) Port Severn to Present Island (shows entrance to canal	1.2	60,588	June 1940
2283 (Old 83)	system)	4.0		May 1940
	canal system)	1.5	48,909	Aug. 1940
	Murray Canal			
2069 (Old 69) 2071 (Old 71)	Bay of Quinte	1·2 4·0	60,588 18,220	June 1940 April 1942
	Soulanges Canal			
1450 (Old 50) 1449 (Old 49)	Lake St. Louis (shows lower entrance to canal)	2·9 1·5		July 1942 Mar. 1941
1449 (Old 49) 1452 (Old 52)	Lake St. Francis-Coteau Landing to Lancaster Bay (shows upper entrance to canal)	2.4		June 1945

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Chart No.	Title .	Scale Inches to Nautical Mile	Natural Scale	Latest Edition
	CORNWALL AND WILLIAMSBURG CANALS  Cornwall to Weaver Point	2·4 2·4		Feb. 1942 Mar. 1942
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### CANALS OF CANADA

					Locks	
		Length	Num-	Minim	um dim	ensions
Name '	Location	in Miles	ber of Locks	Length between hollow quoins	Mini- mum width	Normal draught
St. Lawrence and Great Lakes				Feet	Feet	Feet
Lachine Soulanges. Cornwall. Farran Point. Rapide Plat. Galops. Welland Ship.	Montreal to Lachine Cascades Point to Coteau Landing. Cornwall to Dickinson Landing Farran Point Rapids. Rapide Plat, Morrisburg Iroquois to Cardinal Port Weller, Lake Ontario, to Port	3·89 7·36	5 5 6 1 2 3	270 280 270 800 270 270	45 46 43·67 50 45 45	14 14 14 16 14 14
*	Colborne, Lake ErieSt. Marys Rapids, Sault Ste.	27.60	8	859	80	23
	Marie	1.38	1	900	60	18.25
Atlantic Ocean to Bras d'or Lakes						
St. Peters	St. Peters Bay to Bras d'Or Lakes, Cape Breton, N.S	0.50	1 .	300	48	17
Richelieu River						
St. Ours	St. Ours, Que Chambly to St. Johns, Que	0·12 11·78	· 1	339 120·5	45 23·35	12 6·5
Ottawa and Rideau Rivers						
Ste. Anne	Junction of St. Lawrence and Ottawa rivers	0.12	1	200	45	9
Grenville	Carillon rapids, Ottawa river Long Sault rapids, Ottawa river Ottawa to Kingston	0·94 5·94 123·53	2 5 47	200 200 134	45 45 33	9 9 5·5
	Rideau Lake to Perth (Tay Branch)	6.82	2	134	33	5.5
Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay						
Trent	Trenton to Peterborough lock, Peterborough Peterborough lock to Swift Rapids Swift Rapids to Big Chute Big Chute to Port Severn Sturgeon Lake to Lindsay (Scugog	8·00 8·11	18 24 Marine 1	175 134 Railwa 100	25	8* 6 4 6
	Branch)	10.00	1	142	33	.6
Murray	Branch)	25·00 7·53	None None			4·5 9·5†
	Total	508.76				

<sup>\*</sup>Notice must be given, by vessels of more than 6 feet 10 inches draught.  $\dagger$ With Lake Ontario at Elev. 244.

# Dates of Opening and Closing of Canals

FOR THE SEASONS OF 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 AND 1945

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10	Closed	Dec. 5	N	" 18 Oct. 29 Nov. 12 Oct. 29 Nov. 12 Oct. 29 , 29	Nov. 16 Sept. 30 Oct. 15 Sept. 30 Dec. 7 Jan. 11 1946
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1944	Closed	Dec. 7	Nov. 255	" 12 Oct. 30 Nov. 13 Oct. 30 Nov. 13 Oct. 30 " 23	Nov. 16 Sept. 30 Oct. 15 Sept. 30 Nov. 15 Jan. 12
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Ţ	Canals	Lachine Soulanges Cornwall	Williamsburg— Farran Point Rapide Plat. Rapide Plat. Galops. Welland Ship. Sault Ste. Marie. St. Ours. Chambly Ste. Ame Carillon Grenville	Rideau— Locks 1 to 8 (Ottawa). Pretoria Ave. Bridge to Lock 31. Lock 32 (Poonamalie). Lock 33 to Perth (Tay Canal). Rideau Frary bridge. Locks 35 to 38 (inclusive). Locks 39 to 49 (inclusive).	Trent— Trenton bridge. Trenton bridge. Balsam Lake bo Lake Simcoe. Lake Simcoe to Georgian Bay. Seugog river and Lindsay Lock. Murray. St. Peters.

### TABLE OF DISTANCES ON THROUGH ROUTE

## MONTREAL TO FORT WILLIAM

(Statute Miles)

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Cascades Point	16
Coteau Landing	14
Cornwall	0.0446
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Prescott	1120 1111 950 150 150 8
ВтоскуіЛе	1123 1073 1073 1073 1073 1073 1073 1073 107
Kingston	182 173 157 143 112 112 77 77 70 62 62 62
Toronto	238 229 226 228 228 228 228 228 118 206 156
Port Weller	242 245 272 272 272 272 272 272 272 272 272 27
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	Montreal* Lachine. Cascadee Point. Costau Landing Cornwall. Morrisburg. Iroquois. Cardinal. Head of Galops Canal Prescott Ringston. Toronto. Toront

<sup>\*</sup> Lower entrance Lachine Canal. † Foot of Lock No. 1.



